

**DIPLOMA IN MEDIA & LAW**  
**D.M.L. : SUMMER : 2024**  
**SUBJECT: GENERAL LAWS RELATING TO MEDIA**

Day : Tuesday  
Date : 21/05/2024

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Time : 10:00 AM-01:00 PM  
Max. Marks : 80

**N.B.:**

- 1) Attempt **ANY SIX** questions including **Q.No.1** which is **COMPULSORY**.
- 2) **Q. No. 1** carries **20** marks and all other questions carry **12** marks.

- Q.1** Write short notes on **ANY FOUR** of the following:
- a) Common law origins of freedom of expression and its development in India
  - b) Rule against prior restraint and its impact on Media Freedom
  - c) The impact of technological advancements on the media landscape and its regulation
  - d) The role of self-regulation in Media Ethics and Standards
  - e) Comparative analysis of Media Laws and regulations in other countries
  - f) Paid news
- Q.2** Explain the significance of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution in upholding Freedom of Speech and Expression.
- Q.3** Discuss the limitation of freedom of expression in the Indian Constitution under Article 19(2).
- Q.4** Discuss the importance of media coverage of legislative proceedings in a democracy. How does the media serve as a watchdog for government accountability and transparency? Are there any ethical considerations that journalist must keep in mind when reporting on legislative proceedings?
- Q.5** Discuss the role of media in the Priyadarshani Mattu Case and how it impacted the judicial process. Do you think the media's coverage of the case was fair and balanced or did it widely influence public opinion and the outer of the trail?
- Q.6** Discuss the law that regulate the free flow of information during an emergency in India. How do these law balance the need for public safety and security with the right to free speech and expression?
- Q.7** The Indian government has used law such as section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code and section 5 of India Telegraph Act, 1885 to regulate the flow of information during time of emergency. Critically examine.
- Q.8** In recent years there has been increasing concern about the phenomenon of "media trials" and their impact on the fairness of criminal proceedings. Using the Arushi murder case and the Jessica Lal case as examples, evaluate the role of media trials in shaping public opinion and influencing the outcomes of high-profile criminal cases in India. What steps can be taken to prevent media trials from prejudicing the judicial process?
- Q.9** The rise of social media has transformed the way people consume and share news. In what ways the Social Media impacted traditional forms of media, such as newspapers and television? How has this impacted the quality of journalism and the public's access to reliable information? Provide examples to support your answer.
- Q.10** Write a detailed note related to contemporary issues and challenges facing the Indian media, such as fake news, disinformation and hate speech.