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BSc (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
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Fifth Semester

Visual Communication – Core

CONSTITUTION AND MEDIA LAWS

(For those who joined in July 2021-2022)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. What does Article 19 (1) (a) of the Indian Constitution specifically ensure?

- (a) Right to life and personal liberty
- (b) Freedom of religion
- (c) Freedom of speech and expression
- (d) Right to education

5. Which act lays down regulations for certification and control of films in India?

- (a) Press Council of India Act, 1978
- (b) Indian Cinematography Act, 1950
- (c) Law of Defamation
- (d) Contempt of Court

6. Which legal concept deals with false spoken or written statements that harm someone's reputation?

- (a) Press Council of India Act, 1978
- (b) Indian Cinematography Act, 1950
- (c) Law of Defamation
- (d) Contempt of Court

7. Which case discussed the issue of curbing monopolies in the media industry to ensure a diverse range of opinions?

- (a) Virendra vs State of Punjab
- (b) Sakal Newspapers vs Union of India
- (c) Bennett Coleman and Co. vs Union of India
- (d) Ranji Lal Modi vs State of Uttar Pradesh

2. Freedom of the press is an essential component of which fundamental right in the Indian Constitution?

- (a) Right to equality
- (b) Right to education
- (c) Right to information
- (d) Freedom of speech and expression

3. Which legislation governs the rights and working conditions of journalists in India?

- (a) Press and Publication (Parliamentary Proceedings) Act, 1976
- (b) Working Journalists Act, 1955
- (c) Official Secrets Act, 1923
- (d) Books and Registration of Newspapers Act, 1956

4. Which act aims to protect the confidentiality of certain government information and documents?

- (a) Working Journalists Act, 1955
- (b) Books and Registration of Newspapers Act, 1956
- (c) Press and Publication (Parliamentary Proceedings) Act, 1976
- (d) Official Secrets Act, 1923

8. Which case dealt with the right of citizens to know about government activities through the media?

- (a) Brij Bushan vs State of Delhi
- (b) Indian Express vs Union of India (1985)
- (c) Ramesh Tapan vs State of Madras
- (d) Ranji Lal Modi vs State of Uttar Pradesh

9. What are emerging trends in media law often influenced by?

- (a) Traditional media
- (b) Laws of defamation
- (c) Technological advancements
- (d) Censorship laws

10. Which legal area focuses on the regulation of digital space and online activities, including e-commerce and cybercrimes?

- (a) Emerging Trends in Media Law
- (b) Law and Cyberspace
- (c) Censorship Law
- (d) Laws relating to Cable and Satellite TV

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) OR (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words

- 11 (a) Explain the significance of Article 19(1) (a) in the Indian Constitution

Or

- (b) Discuss the constitutional limitations on the Freedom of the Press

- 12 (a) Explain the objectives and provisions of the Official Secrets Act, 1923.

Or

- (b) Discuss the key features of the Books and Registration of Newspapers Act, 1956.

- 13 (a) What is the primary purpose of the Press Council of India Act, 1978?

Or

- (b) Explain the significance of the Indian Cinematography Act, 1950

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- 17 (a) Analyze the impact of the Press and Publication Act, 1976

Or

- (b) Discuss the role of the Official Secrets Act, 1923, in ensuring national security.

- 18 (a) Define defamation and explain the essential elements required to prove a case of defamation.

Or

- (b) Elaborate on the concept of contempt of court

- 19 (a) Discuss the principles laid down in the case "Brij Bhushan vs State of Delhi" regarding the boundaries of freedom of speech and expression.

Or

- (b) How the judiciary balanced the need to uphold judicial authority and the right to criticize the court?

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- 14 (a) Discuss the role of the media as a watchdog of democracy, citing a relevant case example.

Or

- (b) How did the case "Sakal Newspapers vs Union of India" address the issue of media monopolies and diversity of opinions?

- 15 (a) How do laws relating to Cable and Satellite TV regulate the broadcasting of television content?

Or

- (b) Explain the term 'cyberspace' and its significance in the context of modern communication.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

- 16 (a) Discuss the salient features of the Indian Constitution.

Or

- (b) Elaborate on the significance of Fundamental Rights, with a focus on Article 19(1)(a)

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- 20 (a) Discuss the impact of emerging trends in media law on traditional media practices.

Or

- (b) Examine the challenges faced by censorship laws in the digital age.

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