

**DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

One-Year Advanced Diploma in Media Laws (2021-2022)

Take Home - Supplementary Examination (December 2-5, 2022)

Paper 1.1. Media, Ethics and the Constitution

Total Marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- a) Read the instructions for Take Home Examination carefully and adhere to the same.
 - b) Please mention your Name, ID No., Subject Name and total number of pages on the Answer Sheet.
 - c) Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them.
 - d) **This paper consists of four questions, each carrying 25 marks.**
 - e) **Each answer should not exceed 800 words. Exceeding the word limit will be penalised.**
 - f) Since this is a 'Take Home Examination', we expect your answers to have an analytical character rather than merely repeating facts or mechanically citing extracts from the reading material.
 - g) Copying from any external source, whether in print or on the internet, or copying from other students is strictly prohibited. Plagiarism is considered as serious academic misconduct and will lead to marking down of answers or even the non-evaluation of answers if there is substantial copying.
 - h) **All the candidates are required to submit only MS Word/PDF files containing typed answers.**
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Q.1. What is the place of the guarantee of 'speech and expression' in the Indian Constitution? How is the framing of this fundamental right in the Indian context different from how Constitutions in other countries address this subject? Do you agree with the assertion that the 'freedom of press' is an intrinsic part of the freedom of speech and expression?

(25 marks, 700-800 words)

Q.2. As per Article 19(2) of the Constitution of India, phrases such as 'Public Order' and 'Decency or Morality' appear among the enumerated grounds for placing reasonable restrictions on the freedom of speech and expression. In your opinion, is it justified to continue with such restrictive grounds in a liberal democracy? Briefly discuss the controversies surrounding the interpretation of these phrases, with the help of decided cases and recent examples of published material.

(25 marks, 700-800 words)

Q.3. It is often argued that restrictions on the freedom of speech and expression can also be placed indirectly as opposed to direct restrictions placed through censorship or criminal proceedings. For example, measures pertaining to the economic regulation of print, broadcast and digital media can also have an adverse effect on the quality of journalism produced by the respective media outlets. Elaborate upon your understanding of how press freedoms can often be curtailed through indirect measures, citing concrete examples from decided cases and recent controversies. **(25 marks, 700-800 words)**

Q.4. How do you understand the concept of 'citizen journalism'? How is this concept different from the traditional understanding about the role of journalists in society? While 'citizen journalists' cover a broader range of issues when compared to the mainstream media, there is also a lack of professional expertise when it comes of selecting and editing material that is suitable for publication. How would you appraise this particular difficulty? **(25 marks, 700-800 words)**
