

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

Advanced Diploma in Media Laws

P.G. Diploma in Media Laws

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Annual Examination (June, 2023)

Paper II – 1.2. Media and the Law

Duration of the Examination : 3 hours

TOTAL MARKS: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- a) Read the instructions carefully and adhere to the same.
 - b) Please mention your DDE ID No., date of the exam, name of the programme & subject on the Answer Sheet and the Additional Answer Sheets, if any.
 - c) The questions to be interpreted as given and no clarification can be sought from the Invigilator.
 - d) Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them. Answers without question numbers / wrong question numbers will not be evaluated.
 - e) Write the answers clearly and neatly. Answers in illegible handwriting will not be taken into consideration.
 - f) This paper consists of four questions, each carrying 25 marks. Each answer can be in the range of 400-500 words.
 - g) This is an open-book exam, implying that candidates can carry the prescribed reading materials as well as their own notes into the Examination Hall. Answers should have an analytical character rather than merely repeating facts or mechanically citing extracts from the reading material.
 - h) Candidates are prohibited to carry phones or any other electronic devices etc. in the Examination Hall.
 - i) Copying is strictly prohibited and is considered as a serious academic mis-conduct and the University will take action as it deems fit.
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Q.1. Explain your understanding of the differences between the civil and criminal remedies against defamation. Do you agree with the view expressed by some commentators that the offence of 'defamation' laid down under Sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code should now be removed from the statute? Develop your answer with reference to relevant judicial precedents and recent examples of the use of this provision.

(25 marks, 400-500 words)

Q.2. The Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 includes remedies against both civil and criminal forms of contempt. In your understanding, why does our judicial system require such powers to punish for contempt? What are the plausible arguments to do away with the provisions that empower judges to impose punishments for contempt for court? Develop your answer with reference to relevant judicial precedents and recent examples of the use of this provision.

(25 marks, 400-500 words)

Q.3. Certain privileges been conferred on serving legislators, as seen in Articles 105 and 194 of the Constitution of India. Discuss the historical rationale for including such provisions as well as the leading constitution bench decisions that have dealt with the interpretation of their scope. Does the exercise of legislative privileges undermine the freedom of the press to report on legislative proceedings?

(25 marks, 400-500 words)

Q.4. How would you describe the growing phenomenon of the concentration of media ownership in the hands of a few business houses? Set out some examples of this trend to explain the implications of the vertical and horizontal forms of such concentration. What could be some of the legal and regulatory strategies to mitigate the harmful effects of the concentration of media ownership?

(25 marks, 400-500 words)
