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**Advanced Diploma in Media Laws
P.G. Diploma in Media Laws**

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Paper IV – 1.4. Electronic Media and Regulatory 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. Briefly describe the history of regulation over the public sector broadcasters in India. Why was there a need to ensure a certain degree of functional autonomy for the public sector broadcasters? In your opinion, have the legislative interventions in this area met the desired goals in the long-run?

(25 marks, 400-500 words)

Q.2. What were some of the regulatory challenges thrown up by the growth of cable television networks in India during the 1990s? Describe the subsequent legislative responses to these challenges, especially those related to the upgradation of broadcast technology and preserving the economic incentives for the various players and intermediaries involved in the market for cable television services.

(25 marks, 400-500 words)

Q.3. Section 79A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 deals with the limitation of liability for intermediaries in respect of the circulation of content on the internet. In 2021, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) has updated the subordinate legislation that deals with this subject. In your assessment, what are some of the major gaps in the existing legal provisions dealing with the liability of internet intermediaries, when it comes to the circulation of harmful content such as hate speech directed against minority groups and content that is likely to incite violence against them?

(25 marks, 400-500 words)

Q.4. How would you describe the phenomenon of convergence between different forms of communication technologies? Do you agree with the gradual expansion of the role of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) when it comes to the specific regulation of converged technologies? What are the structural difficulties in establishing an integrated regulatory body for different forms of Information and Communication Technologies in India?

(25 marks, 400-500 words)
