



First Semester LL.M. Examination, June 2011

Course – IV

MASS MEDIA LAW

(Specialisation Paper – I)

(Constitutional Law Branch)

Duration : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- Instructions :** 1. Answer **all** Questions.
2. Figures to the **right** indicate marks.

Q. No. I. (a) What is meant by Mass Media ? Give a brief account of ownership patterns of print media in India. Marks : 10

OR

Explain the concept of Government control over electronic media. Do you think that the idea of government control over electronic media is against the concept of freedom of media ?

(b) Write a brief note on difference between visual and non-visual media. Marks : 6

OR

Write a note on nature of ownership in film industry.

Q. No. II. (a) Give a brief account of the nature of freedom of press given by the Constitution. What is the scope of imposing restrictions on this freedom ? Marks : 10

OR

Critically evaluate the impact of contempt of court on freedom of press. Give your answer with the help of decided cases.

(b) Write a note on Press and Government power to control monopoly. Marks : 6

OR

Write a note on government power to regulate the wages and service conditions of journalists.

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Q. No. III. (a) Critically evaluate the constitutionality of censorship of films. Marks : 6

OR

Critically evaluate the provisions in Cinematograph Act dealing with censorship.

(b) Write a note on decision of Supreme Court in *K. A. Abbas case*. Marks : 6

OR

Write a note on Pre-censorship of news published in newspapers.

Q. No. IV. (a) Critically evaluate the approach of the Supreme Court towards regulation of air waves and frequencies. Marks : 10

OR

Critically evaluate the provisions of the Telecom Regulatory Authority Act.

(b) Write a note on Chanda Committee Report. Marks : 6

OR

Write a note on Autonomy to Doordarshan.

Q. No. V. (a) Critically evaluate the law making power of State and Central legislature relating to mass media. Marks : 10

OR

Critically evaluate the legal provision relating to defamation in India.

(b) Write a note on Government's power to regulate broadcasting. Marks : 6

OR

Write a note on Government's power to impose tax on television industry.