



First Semester LL.M. Examination, January 2011
MASS MEDIA LAW (Specialization Paper – I) (Course – IV)

Duration : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- Instructions :** 1. Answer **all 5** Questions.
2. Figures to the **right** indicate marks.
3. Answers should be written **only** in English.

Q. No. 1.(a) Define Mass Media. Explain different types of Mass Media functioning in India and abroad. Marks : 10

OR

Write a critical note on the impact of visual media on the minds of people.

(b) Outline the ownership pattern of mass media. Marks : 6

OR

Analyse the role of government controlled media in dissemination of information and news in India.

Q. No. 2.(a) Explain the scope of freedom of speech and expression in India, under Article 19 (1) (a) of the constitution. Refer to the relevant case law. Marks : 10

OR

Explain the grounds of restrictions that can be imposed on freedom of press. Comment on their justiciability.

(b) Write a short note on defamation. Marks : 6

OR

Is commercial speech (Advertisements) a part of freedom of press ? Comment.

Q. No. 3.(a) Explain the scope of freedom of speech and expression in cinematograph films. Is it different from the freedom of press. Marks : 10

OR

Justify the pre-censorship of films. What would be the consequences if they are not subjected to pre-censorship ?

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(b) Write a short note on K.A. Abbas V. Union of India.

Marks

OR

Critically examine the working of Censor Board under the Cinematograph Act.

Q. No. 4. (a) Explain the Government Control over Radio and Television in India. Discuss its advantages and disadvantages.

Marks : 10

OR

Comment on the judicial decisions relating to freedom of T. V. Channels.

(b) Write a note on sports telecasting and government control.

Marks : 6

OR

Write a note on the report of the Chanda Committee.

Q. No. 5. (a) Describe the constitutional restrictions on Radio and Television in India.

Marks : 10

OR

Explain the Union Government's control and power to require payment taxes, and licensing fees in the context of regulating the mass media.

(b) Write a note on obscenity.

Marks : 6

OR

Write a note on Article 246 of the Constitution.
