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LAW

Media and Law

Paper : 804A

(Optional Paper-IV)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer Question No. 1 and any **five** from the rest.

1. Answer any **ten** questions: 2×10=20
- a) What is legislative privilege?
 - b) Which famous case is also popularly known as 'The Searchlight Case'?
 - c) What is compelled speech?
 - d) In which leading American case, the rationale behind freedom of speech was explained?
 - e) What is the primary purpose of hashtags in social media?
 - f) Does freedom of expression envisage the right to portray social evils?
 - g) Write two objectives of the Cinematograph Act, 1952.

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- h) Define Media Violence.
- i) Why the Official Secrets Act is needed today?
- j) How does Article 361-A of the Constitution of India related to freedom of speech?
- k) Which article of the Constitution of India empowers the Supreme Court to punish for contempt?
- l) Name two sources of Media Laws in India.
2. a) Explain the term 'media'.
- b) Discuss the historical evolution of 'media' in India. $4+8=12$
3. a) Does 'freedom of speech and expression' under Art.19(1)(a) include 'freedom of press' in India? What is the difference between Indian Constitution and US Constitution in this regard?
- b) Explain with the help of decided cases the scope of freedom of press in India. $4+8=12$
4. a) Is there any relation between Privacy and the right to free speech?
- b) Discuss the Law of Privacy in India. $4+8=12$
5. Explain the ethical consideration a Media Professional should keep in mind. 12

6. a) What is paid news?
b) Discuss the principles taken by the Press Council of India on Communal Writings.
4+8=12
7. What are the objects and reasons of the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990? 12
8. "The relationship between mass media and human rights is complex, with media acting as both a defender and a potential threat to human rights." Discuss the relationship between mass media and human rights. 12
9. "A media trial refers to the phenomenon where the media conducts its own investigation and forms public opinion about a case, often before or during official legal proceedings, potentially influencing public perception and judicial processes." Discuss the media trial and its effect on general public and society. 12
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