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5 Yr.B.A.LL.B(H)8th Sem/804A/24

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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
- i) Cite two reasonable restrictions on freedom of speech as contemplated by the Constitution of India.
  - ii) What is the importance of Shreya Singhal's case with regard to freedom of media?
  - iii) In which leading American case, the rationale behind freedom of speech was explained?
  - iv) Name the famous case in which the Supreme Court of India upheld the right of individual to hold unpopular or unconventional views.
  - v) Does freedom of expression envisage the right to portray social evils? Mention any one case in this regard.

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- 4.
- vi) Which article of the Constitution of India empowers the Supreme Court to punish for contempt?
- vii) The right of the press to conduct interviews is subject to the voluntary consent of the person, whose interview is sought for. Mention any one case in this regard.
- viii) How does Article 361-A of the Constitution of India related to freedom of press?
- ix) What is compelled speech?
- x) In which recent case the Supreme Court of India acknowledged the right to gender identity?
- xi) In which famous case the Supreme Court of India upheld right to privacy as a fundamental right?
- xii) Which famous case is also popularly known as 'The Searchlight Case'?
2. Do you consider Cinematograph Act as essential and is there a necessity to revise the rules in the context of censorship? Elucidate with latest judicial pronouncements. 12
3. Discuss with relevant case laws, the law relating to prior restraint in India as compared to USA. 12

4. "Film must be judged according to the contemporary standards of the country." Discuss with reference to the above statement the law relating to obscenity. 12
5. Is it imperative for a media person to have an elementary knowledge of the Constitution? Discuss. 12
6. What are the duties of the Press Council of India? 12
7. Critically analyse the paradox relating to Freedom of Speech and Right to Privacy in the context of accountability of media with decided judicial pronouncements. 12
8. Discuss the judicial trend in the development of the law/regulatory provisions in context of commercial speech. 12
9. Write a brief note on Media Trial. 12