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Or

- (b) Discuss the concerns over privacy and surveillance and the existing media practices that conflict with the Right to Privacy.
7. (a) Discuss the need for codes and ethical guidelines for the news media. Examine the debates on government regulation of the media versus self-regulation by the news media in the country.

Or

- (b) The Right to Information Act (RTI) has been seen as a key to strengthening participatory democracy and ushering in people-centered governance. Discuss the statement explaining the features of the RTI Act and its amendments, along with the challenges faced in its implementation.

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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. This question paper contains 2 parts. Both are compulsory.
3. Candidates have to answer **ALL** the questions in **PART A** and **ANY THREE** questions in **PART B**.
4. Questions in **PART A** carry 10 marks each and questions in **PART B** carry 20 marks each.

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PART A

1. (a) Critically analyze Article 19(1) (A) and Article 19(2) of the Constitution with respect to the freedom of the Press.

Or

- (b) Media Trials conducted on television news give up objective and balanced reporting for sensationalism and TRP ratings. Reflect on this statement giving appropriate examples.

2. (a) Discuss the various criticisms levelled against the representation of women in advertisements.

Or

- (b) Analyze the functioning of the Press Council of India as a moral watchdog of journalistic ethics.

3. (a) Analyze the representation of marginalized caste groups in the Indian media.

Or

- (b) Discuss the issues of sedition and inflammatory writings and the laws related to them.

PART B

4. (a) The 'immediacy' of live reporting/streaming of news gives rise to ethical dilemmas in journalistic practice. Discuss with special reference to the live reportage of the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai.

Or

- (b) Media sting operations are often justified as a legitimate way to carry out investigative reporting. Reflect on the ethical concerns emerging out of these sting operations with suitable examples.

5. (a) The issue of film censorship in the country brings out the tensions between community standards, state restrictions, and certification. Explain.

Or

- (b) Discuss the background and features of the bill on Protection of Women against sexual harassment (POSH).

6. (a) Discuss the Digital Media Ethics Code and its implications for the media.