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Name of the paper: Media Laws and Society

Name of the Course: G.E.: Journalism

Semester : II

Time limit: 3 hours

Max marks: 90

Instructions for candidates:

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

Part A

Q 1-a) Discuss the concerns over privacy and the existing media practices which come in conflict with the Right to privacy.

Or

b) Describe the features of the Information Technology Act 2000 and its implications for the media.

Q 2-a) Explain the background and features of the bill pertaining to Protection of Women against sexual harassment (POSH).

Or

b) Discuss giving suitable examples some of the major areas of ethical concern over news media reportage in the contemporary era.

Q 3-a) Write a short note on any **TWO** of the following:

- (i) Debates on obscenity
- (ii) Trial by media
- (iii) Copyright Act

Or

b) Discuss the role of the ASCI and the ethical guidelines prescribed for advertisers.

Part B

Q 4-a) Right to free speech is not absolute. Critically examine the reasonable restrictions imposed on the freedom of speech and expression with reference to the Press in India.

Or

b) What are the ethical issues and challenges that broadcast journalists face during Live reporting?

Q 5-a) Indian advertising, in some measure, is pushing the boundaries of the ways in which women are represented. Discuss whether advertising in India adequately reflects the changing gender equations in society?

OR

b) Critically analyze the role of the Press Council of India as a moral watchdog of journalistic ethics and in helping newspapers maintain their independence

Q 6-a) Analyze the representation of marginalized caste groups in the Indian media.

Or

b) Discuss the issue of sedition, inflammatory writings and related laws in detail.

Q-7a). What are ethical concerns pertaining to sting operations? Discuss the PCI guidelines to be kept in mind by journalists while conducting a sting operation.

Or

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