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Name of the Paper : Media Laws & Society

Name of the Course : **B.A (H) Journalism**

Semester : VIII

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 90

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 parts are compulsory.
3. Candidates have to answer ANY THREE 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.

Part A

Answer any THREE questions (3 x 10 = 30 marks).

Q.1 a) What are the important components of Freedom of speech and expression as provided under Article 19 (1) (a)?

Or

b) What do you understand by Geographical indication? Discuss the recent cases of copyright violation in India.

Q.2 a) Define paid news practice and discuss its impact on the journalistic standards.

Or

b) Enlisting the important ethical guidelines for conducting sting operations, explain its scope and limitations.

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Q.3 a) Enlist the important features of Section 66A of the Information Technology Act, of 2000 and give the reasons why Supreme Court of India termed it as 'unconstitutional' and struck down the Section.

Or

b) Analyze the provisions of laws regulating obscene content in media and digital platforms.

Part B

Answer any THREE questions (3 x 20 = 60 marks).

Q.4 (a) Examine the legal and ethical issues involved in sting operations and phone tapping. Where should the line be drawn between public interest and invasion of privacy?

Or

(b) Discuss the ethical issues in social media, with special reference to Section 66A of the IT Act, 2000 and the Supreme Court judgment striking it down.

Q5. a) Discuss the form of women representation in Indian electronic advertisements and describe how do laws address indecent representation in media.

Or

(b) Analyse the legal provisions related to obscenity and pornography, including relevant sections of the IT Act, 2000 along with case studies.

Q6. a) Examine the role of media regulatory bodies and ethical guidelines in media. How effective is self-regulation in maintaining standards? Discuss.

Or

b) Comment on the debates surrounding film censorship and social accountability. How do these debates influence public discourse and societal perceptions about gender roles? Answer with examples.

Q7. a) What is Pegasus spyware? Discuss the legality and ethicality of phone tapping and its implications on right to privacy.

Or

b) Critically examine the conflict between the right to a fair trial under Article 21 and media trials that influence public perception and judicial outcomes.