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Or

(b) Discuss the significance of freedom of speech and expression as the cornerstone of liberty in a democratic society.

7. (a) What are the important features of Inflammatory Writing & Public Mischief (BNS 353 / IPC 153a)? Explain the legal provisions with some examples.

Or

(b) Discuss the important laws pertaining to pornography and Indecent representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 and rules 1987, Protection of Women against Sexual Harassment Bill, 2007 in detail.

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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** parts 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 - Answer any **THREE** questions :

(3×10=30)

1. (a) What are the important feature of freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a) and 19(2).

Or

- (b) How does defamation limit the freedom of expression? Explain.

2. (a) Discuss the importance of the Right to Information in a fair trial.

Or

- (b) How can media trials affect justice?

3. (a) What are the ethical issues in social media under the IT Act, 2000?

Or

- (b) Elaborate your answer on the representation and reporting of issues pertaining to marginalized communities in Indian media.

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Part B - Answer any **THREE** questions :

(3×20=60)

4. (a) Explain the scope and significance of Freedom of Expression under Article 19(1)(a). Discuss the reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2) with suitable examples from media practice.

Or

- (b) Discuss the concepts of libel and slander in the context of media and elaborate on how do defamation laws balance freedom of expression and individual reputation.

5. (a) Examine the impact of the Right to Information (RTI) on transparency in media reporting and its role in strengthening democracy.

Or

- (b) What do you understand by the idea of a fair trial in a democracy? Explain how does trial by media affect judicial processes and public opinion.

6. (a) Analyze the issues of privacy and surveillance with the coming of digital technology in modern society and discuss how do technological advancements challenge individual rights.

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