

KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY
MMC/PGDMC/PGDBJ 1st Sem. Examination, 2014

Paper - 04

Media Laws & Ethics

Time : 3 Hrs.

Full Marks : 80

1. Answer any five questions from the following 2×5 = 10
 - (a) What do you mean by 'Right to Constitutional Remedies'?
 - (b) State the Code of Conduct for the Press, 1971.
 - (c) What are the various activities that the Directive Principles of State Policy direct the Government to perform?
 - (d) What purposes does 'Freedom of Speech' serve?
 - (e) What does the Parliamentary Proceedings Act, 1956 state?
 - (f) Which were the three periods during which a state of emergency was deemed to have existed?
 - (g) What are the provisions under 'Right against Exploitation' under Indian constitution?
2. Answer any three of the following questions 4×3 = 12
 - (a) State the differences between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy.
 - (b) Give a brief account of the concept of sting operation with special focus on operation West End.
 - (c) Discuss the administrative machinery of the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Services and Miscellaneous Provision) Act, 1955.
 - (d) Describe any four elements of Media Code of Ethics.
 - (e) Explain the provisions under International Law for Protection of Privacy.
3. Answer any three questions from the following 6×3 = 18
 - (a) Discuss the effect of legislative and parliamentary priviledges on media reporting.
 - (b) What is defamation? What are the kinds of defamation?
 - (c) Discuss the concept of plagiarism with respect to journalism.
 - (d) What is sensationalism? Does sensationalism of news reports lead to biased reporting? Explain with examples.
4. Answer any four questions from the following 10×4 = 40
 - (a) Discuss the significance of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
 - (b) What is 'Media Freedom'? Do you think India should have absolute freedom of the media without any restrictions? Justify your answer with proper examples.
 - (c) What do you mean by Ethics of Journalism? Do journalists need to adhere to a professional 'code of ethics'. Discuss.
 - (d) What is photojournalism? Analyse the Photographer's Code of Professional Conduct.
 - (e) What is Press Commission? Elucidate the recommendations of the First and Second Press Commission of India.
 - (f) Write a brief history of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) stating its functions.

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