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MEDIA AND LAW

Paper : 6.5 (H₄)

Full Marks : 80

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. 1×10=10
- (i) The word 'Media' is borrowed from _____ origin. (Latin/French)
- (ii) Reasonable restriction is implicit in Article _____ of the Constitution of India. [19/19(1)/19(2)]
- (iii) The first newspaper in India was _____.
(Bengal Gazette/Young India)
- (iv) The member of the Press and Regulation Appellate Board is nominated by _____.
(Press Council of India/Press Registrar)

Contd.

(v) The Copyright Amendment Act came into being in _____.
(2010/2011/2012/2014)

(vi) Defamation is a crime as per section 499 of the Indian Penal Code.
(True/False)

(vii) The Vernacular Press Act was passed in _____. (1967/1878/1869/1923)

(viii) The National Security Act of 1980 is also applicable to Jammu and Kashmir.
(True/False)

(ix) Section _____ of the Copyright Act, 1957 says that performance in relation to performer's right, means any visual or acoustic presentation made live by one or more performers.
[2(q)/2(qq)/39]

(x) Justice _____ is Chairman of the Press Council of India. (Markandey Katju/Chandramauli Kumar Prasad)

2. Write brief notes on : 5×2=10

(i) International Copyright

(ii) Privileges of Media Personal

(iii) Freedom of Speech and Expression

(iv) Object of National Security Act, 1980

(v) Composition of Press Council in India.

Answer the following questions :

3. Discuss the historical development of Press Law before and after independence. Mention the role of press in India's freedom struggle.
7+5=12

Or

What do you understand by Copyright ? Discuss the civil remedies available for Infringement of Copyright. 4+8=12

4. What is Indecent Representation of Women ? What are the major changes incorporated in the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Amendment Bill, 2012 ? Whether the existing Act covers the acts of multimedia and internet. 2+7+3=12

Or

Discuss the history, object and main provisions of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867. 3+3+6=12

5. Define Defamation. Discuss the essentials, kinds and defences of defamation. Cite case law. 3+9=12

Or

Discuss the Performers' Rights in Indian law. Which acts does not constitute infringement of performers' rights? Briefly mention about the remedies available against the breach of performers' rights. $4+4+4=12$

6. Critically examine the growing role of media in the present time. Do you think that media trial is antithesis of judicial independence? Cite case laws. $6+6=12$

Or

"Freedom of press is not absolute" — Critically explain the constitutional mandates pertaining to it. 12

7. Discuss the salient features of National Security Act, 1980. 12

Or

How the Chairman of the Press Council of India is appointed? Discuss the powers and functions of the Chairman of the Press Council of India. 12