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M.A. (JMC) (Second Semester)

Media Laws and Ethics (JMC-202-21)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 75

Note : It is compulsory to answer all the questions (1.5 marks each) of Part A in short. Answer any *four* questions from Part B in detail. Different sub-parts of a question are to be attempted adjacent to each other.

Part A

1. (a) Describe the process of amending the Constitution of India. 1.5
- (b) Discuss the legal implications of defamation in the context of media freedom. 1.5
- (c) What is the concept of social responsibility of the press ? 1.5
- (d) Write a brief note on Verghese Committee. 1.5
- (e) Discuss the significance of wage boards for working journalists. 1.5
- (f) Name *two* salient features of the Indian Constitution. 1.5

- (g) Mention one recommendation made by the McBride Commission. **1.5**
- (h) What is the role of the Press Council of India ? **1.5**
- (i) Mention one guideline from the AINEC Code of Ethics. **1.5**
- (j) Write a short note on AIR Advertisement Code. **1.5**

Part B

- 2. (a) Discuss the significance of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution. How does it reflect the aspirations and objectives of the Indian people ? **10**
- (b) Explain, why is the Official Secrets Act needed today ? **5**
- 3. (a) Differentiate between Libel and Slander. **5**
- (b) What is the concept of trial by media ? Discuss its implications for fair and impartial judicial proceedings. Provide examples to support your argument. **10**
- 4. Explain the significance of key acts such as the Copyright Act, Press and Registration of Books Act, and the Official Secrets Act for regulating media practices in India. **15**

- 5. (a) Explain the significance of codes of ethics such as those formulated by the Press Council of India (PCI) and the News Broadcasters Association. **5**
- (b) Examine media censorship, its ethical challenges, and impact on freedom of expression. **10**
- 6. (a) Evaluate the role of media in high-profile cases such as Operation Westend and the Uma Khurana case. Discuss the ethical considerations and challenges faced by journalists covering such cases. **10**
- (b) Define Self-Regulation of media. Should the Govt. make law to control media ? **5**
- 7. Evaluate the constitution and functions of the Prasar Bharati Board as mandated by the Prasar Bharati Act. How does it contribute to the autonomy and accountability of public broadcasting in India ? **15**