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B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) DEGREE SEVENTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023

MEDIA & TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

Answer ANY FIVE questions. Each question carries TEN marks.

(5x 10 = 50)

1. Evaluate the freedom of the press in the pre-constitutional era and its controls in the light of the laws then in force.
2. What is the role of media in promoting democracy? What are the challenges faced by the press in a democracy? Evaluate by examining the laws and regulations imposed on media under Indian democracy.
3. Discuss the scope and nature of Article 19 (1) (a) and its restrictions under the Indian Constitution with the help of case laws.
4. The presence of sex and nudity in art and literature cannot be considered as evidence of obscenity. Something more is required. Sex by itself is not enough to deprave and corrupt. Examine the significant Supreme Court decisions regarding obscenity, sex and nudity in artistic and literary works.
5. The Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 neither prohibits the operation of printing presses nor imposes government restrictions on the freedom of the press. However, it is a regulatory law that enables the government to regulate printing presses and newspapers through a registration system and to preserve copies of books and other matters printed in India. Critically evaluate this statement by examining the provisions of the Act.
6. Discuss the constitutional development of the right to information and media freedom with the help of case laws.
7. Although the Telegraph Act is more than 138 years old, it remains a fundamental pillar of the regulatory framework for communications in India. The framework under this Act is also the basis for regulations on modern communications, including landline telephones, cellular services, satellite radio, and the Internet. Discuss how this statement validates government intervention in the Telecommunication sector.
8. TRAI is not just a regulatory body but a comprehensive statutory body that can make appropriate interventions and issue regulations to develop a modern telecommunication system in India and provide room for competition among players in the telecommunication sector. Discuss the nature of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India.
