

B. A. LLB. (Hons.) DEGREE EIGHTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2017

MEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATION LAW

Time: 3 Hrs

Maximum Marks: 50

PART- A

Answer ANY FIVE Questions. Each question carries TEN marks.

(5 X 10 = 50)

- I. Critically examine the role of fourth estate and the regulations on it in a democratic state like India.
- II. Discuss the growth and development of broadcasting laws. Do you think that the existing legal framework is enough to address and regulate all forms of broadcasting in India?
- III. Examine the media legislations in pre-constitutional period in India
- IV. Critically examine right to privacy of a citizen against media in the light of expandable interpretation of Article 19 (1) (a), Constitution of India.
- V. Do you think that pre-censorship of film is unwanted and arbitrary against freedom of expression of film makers? Discuss the constitutionality of film censorship in India in comparison with US practices.
- VI. Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 has a dual role; protecting the freedom of speech and expression and liberty of thought as well as regulating morality and decency in accordance with the standard of the society. Examine whether the regulations to cable television network enable maintaining of balance between rights and its restrictions.
- VII. Discuss the role of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India in shaping legal control on telecommunication in India. What are the changes that have been brought about in this field by the TRAI Act in terms of technological knowhow and regulatory framework?
- VIII. Answer ANY TWO of the following:
  - a. Net neutrality
  - b. Unlinking and down linking
  - c. Set top box
  - d. Community Radio