

HONS.08/16/03

B.A. LL.B., (Hons) DEGREE EIGHTH SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, APRIL 2016

MEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATION LAW

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

Answer ANY FIVE questions
All questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 X 10 = 50)

- I. "The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic...The question in every case is whether the words used are used in such circumstances and are of such a nature as to create a clear and present danger that they will bring about the substantive evils that Congress has a right to prevent." Comment.
- II. Focus on the guiding principles on censorship in India and examine whether pre-censorship can be justified.
- III. "Give me the Liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, Above all Liberties". Critically analyze this statement of John Milton in the context of 'hate speech and social media'.
- IV. Examine the legal framework relating to telecommunication services in India.
- V. The judgment in *Devidas Ramachandra Tuljapurkar v. State of Maharashtra* (Criminal Appeal no. 1179 of 2010) has created more confusion to the test of obscenity. Evaluate with specific reference to the evolution of the tests of obscenity in the Indian context.
- VI. Examine the need for further safeguards with respect to parallel trials conducted by the media in the name of media activism with specific reference to Media Guidelines case.
- VII. Interpret the Indian position regarding Parliamentary privileges vis-à-vis freedom of speech with the help of Indian case laws.
- VIII. Critically examine the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act of 1995 with special emphasis on programme code and advertising code.

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