

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
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Course: **Media and Telecommunications Law**
LL.M. Semester-I (Batch: 2014-15)

LL.M. End Term Examination: November-2014



Date: 19th November, 2014

Duration: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

Instructions:

- Read the questions properly and write the answers in the given answer book.
- The respective marks for each question are indicated in-line.
- Do not write any thing on the question paper.
- Indicate correct question numbers in front of the answers.
- No questions or clarifications can be sought during the exam period, answer as it is, giving reason, if any.

Marks

Part-A

Answer **any two** of the following:

(2x15=
30)

- Q.1 On the basis of Academic Staff College of India, Hyderabad report (ASCI report), write a note on the ownership and cross ownership pattern in media. Elucidate the need for the regulation of ownership and cross ownership pattern in media.
- Q.2 Critically evaluate the essence of role of "Contempt of Court" as a reasonable restriction to the exercise of "Freedom of Speech and Expression" based on the land mark judgments delivered by the Supreme Court of India. With strong logical reasoning justify whether "Judiciary should be open to criticism in a democratic institutional setup"?
- Q.3 What is the need for securing parliamentary privileges under the Constitution? Elucidate the conflict between Freedom of speech and expression and Parliamentary privileges under the Constitution of India.

Part-B (Compulsory)

Attempt **any two** of the following:

- Q.4 (a) Examine the Constitutional protection given to the right to freedom of press in India with relevant case laws. (7.5+
7.5= 15)
- (b) Explain the nature and scope of censorship under the Cinematograph Act, 1952 with recent case laws.
- Q.5 Critically discuss the applicability of law of defamation and sedition to media. (15)
- Q.6 What are the conditions of service applicable to working journalists according to the provisions of the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955? (15)

Part-C

- Q.7 Write short notes on **any two**: (2x2.5=5)
- (a) Advertisement Code.
 - (b) Is commercial speech (Advertisements) a part of freedom of press?
 - (c) Objects and functions of Press Council.
- Q.8 Write short notes on **any one**: (1x5=5)
- (a) Right to information
 - (b) Indecent portrayal of woman in Media
