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END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – APRIL/MAY 2026

JOURNALISM – IV SEMESTER BA/BSC

25UBA43B/25BSC43C – MEDIA LAWS

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Instruction: *Answer should be written completely in English.*

SECTION - A

Answer any ten questions. Each question carries two marks.

(10X2=20)

1. Can Democracy be maintained without a free Press? Yes or No? why?
2. What is Democracy?
3. What are constitutional provisions?
4. What role did Press play in Indian Democracy before the Emergency of 1975?
5. Is Democracy changing in India? Why.
6. Mention any two actions those were implemented forcefully during the Press Emergency.
7. Why are specific Media Laws important for Journalists?
8. Define Right to Information (RTI Act) 2005.
9. What was section 66A of the IT Act, and why was it struck down?
10. What is the Appellate Board?
11. What are the key features of IT Act.
12. What is the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, and why it is important for Journalists?

SECTION - B

Answer any six questions. Each question carries five marks.

(6X5=30)

13. Mention five terms where it is not considered as a Defamation. Support with Examples.
14. State two key provisions of the Official Secrets Act, 1923, that affect Journalists.
15. How does the Press play a base role for creating trust of people on the Government and vice versa. Justify.
16. Write about the Punishments involved in the Contempt of Court Act 1971.
17. Describe how the Press contributes to democratic processes and Public Opinion Formation.
18. Critically examine the Romesh Thappar case and mention how it set a benchmark for the court judgements supporting the Constitutional laws.
19. Explain the provisions of Copyright Act relevant to media and journalism.
20. Write in brief about the key provisions and implications for Journalists.



SECTION - C

Answer any three questions. Each question carries ten marks.

(3X10=30)

21. What are the laws related to Contempt of Court? Explain.
22. Examine the importance of Freedom in running democracy complying along with constitutional rights.
23. Explain the role of Parliamentary privileges and proceedings in running Indian Democracy.
24. Write about a landmark case related to contempt of court. Give a detailed explanation.
25. Write a detailed explanation on Article 19(1)(a) and Article 19(2).

