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SIXTH SEMESTER BA DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025
(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)
JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION
GBCJ6B12T: MEDIA LAWS AND ETHICS

Time: 2 ½ Hours   **Maximum Marks: 80**

SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.
(Ceiling 25 marks)

Write short notes on:

1. Judicial Review.
2. Cyber Stalking.
3. PRB Act.
4. Sting operation.
5. Slander.
6. Data Mining.
7. Bail.
8. Fair Comment.
9. Habeas corpus.
10. Self-Censorship.
11. Article 19 (1) a.
12. POCSO.
13. Cheque book Journalism.
14. S Certification.
15. Reporters Without Borders.

SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.
(Ceiling 35 marks)

16. What do you understand by journalistic ethics? Briefly enumerate the Code of Ethics formulated by the Press Council of India

17. What are the provisions of the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper in Employees Act, 1955?

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18. Write a short note on Directive Principles of State Policy.

19. Define censorship. Discuss its relevance in India.

20. What are the reasonable restrictions on freedom of speech in India?

21. How has the advent of the internet and social media influenced traditional forms of censorship, and what are the implications for press freedom?

22. Describe the major provisions of the Right to Information Act 2005. In what ways will this act of use to the journalists?

23. Briefly explain the salient features of copyright act.

SECTION C: Answer any *two* questions. Each carries *ten* marks.

24. Freedom of Press is not absolute, but subject to limitations. Substantiate.

25. What is defamation? Distinguish between libel and slander? When is a journalist accused of the charge? What are the exceptions to this law?

26. Discuss how the Contempt of Court Act balances the need for a fair judiciary with media's freedom to report on legal matters.

27. Discuss how ownership structures and financial interests can influence editorial decisions and journalistic integrity.

(2 × 10 = 20 Marks)