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SIXTH SEMESTER BA DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026

(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. IPR.
2. Libel.
3. Paid News.
4. Censorship.
5. POCSO.
6. Press Freedom Index.
7. Phishing.
8. PIL.
9. RTI.
10. Article 19 (1) a.
11. U/A certification.
12. Media Conglomeration.
13. Whistle blower.
14. IPR.
15. Writ.

SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks.

(Ceiling 35 marks)

16. Explain the reasonable restrictions imposed on freedom of speech and expression.
17. Summarize the main aspects covered by the Film Certification Rules in India.
18. Elaborate on the role of Lord Macaulay in the formulation and implementation of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

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19. Explain the provisions of the Working Journalists Act and the role of wage boards in ensuring fair compensation for media professionals.
20. List and briefly explain two defenses available to media professionals in defamation cases.
21. Define and differentiate between paid news and cheque-book journalism.
22. Explain the concept of "embedded journalism" and its ethical considerations.
23. What is the significance of the term "suo motu" in legal proceedings?

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

24. Discuss the role of the press in a democratic society, emphasizing its responsibility to inform, educate, and act as a watchdog. Evaluate the challenges faced by Indian media in fulfilling this role.
25. Explain the primary objectives of the Right to Information Act and its relevance to media transparency.
26. Assess the effectiveness of the Press Council of India in upholding media ethics. Discuss notable cases and decisions that reflect its role in regulating the media.
27. Explore the significance of writs in the Indian legal system.

(2 × 10 = 20 Marks)