



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2021

**JORACOR10T-JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION (CC10)**

**MEDIA ETHICS AND THE LAW**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

1. Answer any **five** questions from the following: 2×5 = 10
- (i) According to Article 19(2) of the Indian Constitution, the State can impose reasonable restrictions on the exercise of the freedom of expression and speech in the interests of
- (A) Public order (B) Contempt of the court  
(C) The security of the state (D) All of these
- (ii) The concept of an individual's privacy has been explained in
- (A) Article 10 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)  
(B) Article 11 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)  
(C) Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)  
(D) None of these
- (iii) The first draft on the Right to Information Bill was prepared by the
- (A) The PCI in 1998  
(B) The Supreme Court in 1992  
(C) The Parliament in 1996  
(D) The PCI in 1996
- (iv) Section 353 in the Indian Penal Code deals with
- (A) Defamation (B) Sedition  
(C) Adultery (D) None of them
- (v) The Right to Information Act came into force on
- (A) June 12, 2005 (B) June 15, 2005  
(C) October 12, 2005 (D) October 15, 2005
- (vi) The freedom of expression is guaranteed under \_\_\_\_\_ of Indian Constitution.
- (A) Article 19(1)(a) (B) Article 19 (2)  
(C) Article 19 (1)(b) (D) None of these

- (vii) Freedom of information is an integral part of the fundamental right of freedom of expression, as recognized by
- (A) Resolution 59 of the UN General Assembly Adopted in 1946
  - (B) Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
  - (C) Both A and B
  - (D) None of them
- (viii) The term Seditious means
- (A) An offence against state
  - (B) An offence against public
  - (C) An offence against specific community
  - (D) None of these

2. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 10×4 = 40

- (a) Explain defamation. Mention its exceptions.
- (b) How does the IT Act, relate to the ethical issues in social media?
- (c) Write short notes on any **two** of the following: 5×2 = 10
  - (i) Operation West End
  - (ii) Trial by Media
  - (iii) Intellectual Property Rights
  - (iv) IPC 292
- (d) Discuss elaborately the accountability of the social media in the Indian context.
- (e) Do the media highlight the atrocities on marginalized sections like dalits and tribals properly? Write your own opinion with justification.
- (f) How far the Protection of Women against Sexual Harassment Bill, 2007 is effective in protecting women, especially at work place? Explain.

**N.B. :** *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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