

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2024
(First Semester)

Branch - JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

INDIAN CONSTITUTION AND MEDIA LAWS

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	Which of these is <i>not</i> mentioned in the Preamble to the Constitution of India? a. Justice b. Liberty c. Mediocrity d. Fraternity	K1	CO1
	2	Panchayati Raj focuses on a. Centralisation of powers b. Decentralisation and local governance c. Consolidation of powers and governance at the national level d. None of the above	K2	CO1
2	3	The President of India is a. The head of the Indian state b. The first citizen of India c. The Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces d. All of the above	K1	CO1
	4	Per Article 157 of the Constitution of India, a person to be eligible for appointment as Governor should a. Be a citizen of India b. Have completed the age of 35 years c. Both (a) and (b) d. Neither (a) nor (b)	K2	CO1
3	5	The judiciary is a branch of the government that a. Interprets the law b. Settles disputes c. Administers justice d. All of the above	K2	CO3
	6	The Election Commission is headed by a. A Chief Election Commissioner and two Election Commissioners b. A Chief Election Commissioner c. A Chief Election Commissioner and a Deputy Election Commissioner d. The President of India	K1	CO3
4	7	Obscenity is a a. Criminal offence b. Civil offence c. Moral censure d. None of the above	K1	CO3
	8	Defamation can be committed through a. Spoken words b. Written statements c. Either (a) or (b) d. Neither (a) nor (b)	K2	CO3
5	9	Whoever contravenes any of the provisions of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (objectionable advertisements) act, shall, on conviction, be punishable a. In the case of the first conviction, with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both b. In the case of the first conviction, with imprisonment which may extend to three months, or with fine, or with both c. In the case of the first conviction, with imprisonment which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both d. None of the above	K1	CO3

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5	10	The Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, is replaced by a. The Press Registration Act, 2005 b. The Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023 c. The book registration bill, 2013 d. All of the above	K2	CO4
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SECTION - B (35 Marks)Answer **ALL** questions**ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** Marks (5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Conduct a nuanced discussion about the fundamental duties.	K5	CO1
		(OR)		
	11.b.	Comment on local governance in India and how it can empower villages.		
2	12.a.	Briefly discuss the qualifications, appointment and functions of the Governor.	K3	CO1
		(OR)		
	12.b.	Highlight the powers of the Governor under the Constitution of India.		
3	13.a.	State the sanctioned strength of parliament and explain in detail how members are elected to its houses.	K4	CO1
		(OR)		
	13.b.	Comment on the functions and privileges of the Election Commissions of India.		
4	14.a.	Comment on the use and misuse of press freedom in India.	K4	CO4
		(OR)		
	14.b.	Discuss the issue of privacy in contemporary celebrity news reporting.		
5	15.a.	Explain the application of the emblems and names (prevention of improper use) Act, 1950.	K3	CO5
		(OR)		
	15.b.	Comment on the information technology act.		

SECTION - C (30 Marks)Answer **ANY THREE** questions**ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Discuss how the news media can help preserve the fundamental rights that the Indian constitution guarantees to its citizens.	K4	CO2
2	17	Elaborate on the powers and functions of the President of India.	K4	CO1
3	18	Summarise the structure and functions of the Indian judiciary.	K4	CO3
4	19	Consider the present situation: Person X presents his/her opinions and levels allegations against person Y in the mainstream media. Person Y is offended because of this. Within the framework of the media laws of India, discuss the ways in which person Y can get his grievance redressed and how person X can defend him/herself.	K5	CO4
5	20	Explain how the RTI Act can help journalists fight corruption with a few examples.	K5	CO5

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