

MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2025
(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 x 1 = 10)

Question No.	Question
1	Who can initiate the process of impeachment of a Judge of the High Court in India? a) President b) Chief Justice of India c) Parliament d) Governor of the concerned state
2	What is the term of office for a member of the State Legislative Assembly (Vidhan Sabha)? a) 3 years b) 4 years c) 5 years d) 6 years
3	What is the maximum number of members that can be nominated by the President of India to the Rajya Sabha? a) 6 b) 12 c) 18 d) 24
4	Which article of the Indian Constitution deals with the right to education as a fundamental right? a) Article 21A b) Article 45 c) Article 51A d) Article 19
5	Which amendment to the Indian Constitution lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 years? a) 42nd Amendment b) 44th Amendment c) 61st Amendment d) 73rd Amendment
6	Which article of the Indian Constitution deals with the establishment of a High Court for each state? a) Article 214 b) Article 220 c) Article 225 d) Article 230
7	Who is the head of the State Government in India? a) President b) Prime Minister c) Governor d) Chief Minister
8	Which of the following is not a source of Indian law? a) Indian Constitution b) Precedent c) Customs d) British Parliament
9	What is the maximum gap allowed between two sessions of Parliament in India? a) 2 months b) 4 months c) 6 months d) 1 year
10	What is the minimum number of members required to introduce a No-Confidence Motion in the Lok Sabha? a) 10 b) 25 c) 50 d) 100

SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 × 7 = 35)

Question No.	Question
11.a.	Write the historical developments and key influences that led to the framing of the Indian Constitution in 1950.
(OR)	
11.b.	Write an overview of the Indian penal code section 124-A, 495 and 496 and their relevance to media.

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12.a.	Explain the significance of fundamental rights in the Indian Constitution and discuss instances where these rights may be subject to reasonable restrictions.
(OR)	
12.b.	What functions does the Governor perform within a state?
13.a.	Elaborate on the directive principles of state policy and their role in guiding government policies and legislative decisions.
(OR)	
13.b.	Explain the process of amending the Indian Constitution and its significance in adapting to changing societal needs.
14.a.	Analyze the separation of powers among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the Indian government and its impact on governance.
(OR)	
14.b.	Analyze the concept of PIL in the Indian legal system, and discuss its role in promoting social justice and safeguarding the rights of marginalized communities.
15.a.	Explain the functions and responsibilities of the Election Commission of India in conducting free and fair elections, and its significance in upholding democratic principles.
(OR)	
15.b.	Analyze the scope and limitations of freedom of speech and expression in India, citing relevant legal precedents.

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

Question No.	Question
16	Explain the importance and significance of the Preamble to the Indian Constitution.
17	Compare and contrast the executive powers of the President in a presidential system with those of the Prime Minister in a parliamentary system.
18	Analyze the importance of the independence and autonomy of the Election Commission. Discuss the privileges and powers granted to the Election Commission to carry out its functions effectively and impartially.
19	Analyze the unique challenges that freedom of the press faces in the digital era, including issues such as misinformation, fake news, and online harassment of journalists.
20	Explain the concept of defamation in media law. Discuss the key elements that must be proven in a defamation case and the defenses available to journalists and media organizations. Provide examples.

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