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**FIRST SEMESTER M.C.J. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2004**

**CJ 102 - MEDIA LAWS AND ETHICS**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answer question No. VII and any four others.*

- I. ✓ The media wield enormous power in shaping public opinion on matters vitally affecting the society. Examine this statement with specific reference to the freedom of speech and expression. (15 marks)
- II. The law of defamation has been described as 'a tale of two interests.' Discuss and explain the distinction between criminal law and civil law relating to defamation. (15 marks)
- III. Critically analyse the relevance of the Working Journalists Act in this age of cyber journalism. (15 marks)
- IV. ✓ Discuss the need for a code for commercial advertising on Doordarshan. (15 marks)
- V. ✓ Outline how the Government of Kerala has implemented the Directive Principles as enshrined in the Constitution. (15 marks)
- VI. ✓ What is video piracy ? Assess the inadequacy of the laws relating to it. (15 marks)
- VII. *Write short notes on any five of the following :*
- (a) Privileges of Parliament.
  - (b) Code of Ethics for journalists.
  - (c) ✓ Official Secrets Act, 1923
  - (d) Fundamental rights.
  - (e) Prasar Bharati Board
  - (f) ✓ Ombudsman.
  - (g) Young persons (Harmful Publication) Act, 1956. (20 marks)