

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University
Term End Examination January – 2026

Course	: MAJMC	Date	: 25/02/2026
Subject Code	: MAJMC-10	Time	: 03:00pm to 05:15pm
Subject Name	: Media Laws, Ethics and Challenges	Duration	: 02.15 Hours
		Max. Marks	: 70

Q-1 What is 'Freedom of the Press'? Discuss the legal framework and constitutional provisions for media in India. **14**

OR

Explain the concept of 'Media Ethics' and the importance of self-regulation in journalism.

Q-2 Discuss the 'Right to Privacy' vs. 'Right to Information' in the context of investigative journalism. **14**

OR

Explain the 'Law of Defamation' (Civil and Criminal) and the defenses available to a journalist.

Q-3 What are the current challenges faced by media in the digital age? Discuss with examples. **14**

OR

Discuss the 'Contempt of Court Act' and its significance for media professionals.

Q-4 Write Short Notes. (Any Two) **14**

1. Official Secrets Act
2. Trial by Media
3. Press Council of India (PCI)
4. Fake News and Fact-Checking

Q-5 Select the correct option from the following questions. (Two marks each) **14**

1. Which Article of the Indian Constitution covers the Freedom of Speech?
(A) Article 14 (B) Article 21 (C) Article 19(1)(a) (D) Article 370
2. The term 'Yellow Journalism' refers to:
(A) Ethical reporting (B) Sensationalism (C) Rural news (D) Business news
3. RTI Act was enacted in the year:
(A) 2002 (B) 2005 (C) 2010 (D) 2015
4. Defaming someone in spoken words is called:
(A) Libel (B) Slander (C) Criticism (D) Opinion
5. Who is responsible for monitoring media ethics in India?
(A) RBI (B) SEBI (C) PCI (D) CBSE
6. 'Censorship' is most strictly applied to which medium in India?
(A) Newspapers (B) Social Media (C) Films (D) Radio
7. Which of the following is an ethical challenge for media?
(A) Paid News (B) Accuracy (C) Objectivity (D) Transparency
