



Core Paper-

MCJ-18103CR: MEDIA ETHICS AND LAWS

Unit-I

Principles and guidelines

Ethical issues related to media – truth, sensationalism, privacy, conflict of interest, plagiarism, sources, objectivity, bias; faking news; accountability: SPJ Code of conduct for journalists; Chequebook journalism, ethical issues concerning freebies from companies, institutions

Unit-II

Freedom of speech and expression, Restrictions

Officials Secrets Act, RTI

Press Council Act

Cable TV Regulation Act

Film Censorship

Defamation, slander, libel, contempt of court, contempt of legislature

Working Journalists Act

Press and books registration Act 1867

Cyber Laws governing publication of media content on the net

Press Laws in Kashmir

Unit -III

Ethical consideration in covering crime, torture, violence, rape, disability, HIV/AIDS while interviewing victims

Ethical dilemmas during war reporting

Journalist—As professional, as victim

Unit-IV

Guidelines for media coverage in the wake of 9/11 and 26/11 attacks

Study of following cases in the light of sting operations, paid news, embedded journalism-

- Watergate Scandal
- Tehelka expose of Gujarat Riots
- Abu Ghraib torture case
- Kunan Poshpora rape case
- Any other major media related case

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Total Marks: 100 (Term Examination: 80, Continuous Internal Assessment: 20)

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