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| **ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), BANGALORE-27** |
| **MA JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION - II SEMESTER** |
| **SEMESTER EXAMINATION: APRIL 2019** |
| MC 8218 – Media Law and Ethics |
| **Time- 2 1/2hrs** |  | **Max Marks-70** |  |
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| **This paper contains ONE printed page and TWO parts** |

**Section A**

**Answer any THREE questions in 300 words each. (15x3=45)**

1. What forms of speech and expression are protected under the Constitution? What is the difference between the terms “speech” and “expression”? Why is the difference important?
2. What is the theoretical basis for the law of defamation? What is the difference between criminal and civil defamation? Should there be a law of defamation? Why?
3. Define Hate Speech. Discuss relevant provisions of law that seeks to punish Hate Speech?
4. What does the Right to Information mean? What are the exemptions from disclosure under the Right to Information Act?
5. Elaborate on the responsibility of media houses on sensitive scenarios such as during elections, when the country is in a situation of conflict with a neighboring power, spreading of fake news, and reporting on issues with communal overtones. Explain the competing considerations a media house has to consider while deciding the tone and tenor, and extent of reportage on each of these scenarios.

**Section B**

**Write short notes on any FIVE of the following in 100 words each. (5x5=25)**

1. The origin and significance of Fundamental Duties under the Constitution of India
2. The competing concepts of copyright and freedom of speech and expression
3. The Information Technology Act, 2000, including the recent ruling of the Supreme Court in ShreyaSinghal v. Union of India.
4. Legislative privilege
5. Phenomenon of paid news
6. Answerany two of the following in 50 words each:
7. BrijBhushanvs state
8. In re Arundathi Roy
9. Sedition