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 SSU1202 – SOCIO LEGAL PERSPECTIVES OF MASS COMMUNICATION



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 23rd February 2019

Time: 09.30 a.m- 12.30 p.m

Introductions:

- Answer only **five (05)** questions.
 - Each question carries 20 marks.
1. What are the major challenges faced by the media in strengthening democracy for national development in Sri Lanka? Discuss.
 2. Intellectual property is often undermined by piracy and plagiarism. Explain with examples.
 3. (a) Explain what is meant by contempt of court?
(b) What is it to balance freedom of expression with fair administration of justice?
 4. The field of Mass Communication makes journalists work under diverse pressures. Explain.
 5. Journalists should know how to control their own behavior for the betterment of the profession. Discuss.
 6. The laws of defamation help to uphold the dignity of mankind. Explain with reference to:
 - (a) Forms of defamation
 - (b) Is criticism of the conduct of a public official amounting to defamation. If not, why?
 - (c) Are defamation laws a threat to freedom of expression?
 7. What value has undercover reporting got in an Open Society? Explain.
 8. The impact of the Print Medium led to radical changes in every sector of life. Explain
 9. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following:
 - (a) Public's right to know should never be undermined
 - (b) Objectivity and subjectivity in media
 - (d) Credibility of source and message
 - (e) Pre-requisites for an Information Society

