SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY: TIRUPATI

Dept. of Law

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II SEMESTER

ColumbiaX: Freedom of Expression and Information in the Time of Globalization: Foundational Course

Syllabus

(Effective from the batch of students those who are in second semester in the year 2024)

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Unit-1: Making a Case for Freedom of Expression: Values

Why Freedom of Expression matters: The Search for Truth; Why Freedom of Expression matters: Self-Development and Tolerance; Why Freedom of Expression matters: Democracy and Development; Freedom of Expression: The Right to Truth and Summar

Unit-2: International Norms on Freedom of Expression

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and freedom of Expression and Information; Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; The European Convention and Freedom of Expression (article 10); The Inter-American Convention on Human Rights and Freedom of Expression (article 13); The African Convention of Human and People's Rights; Middle East and Asia Pacific; The US First Amendment

Unit-3: Legitimate Restrictions to Freedom of Expression & Scope of Freedom of Expression

The Scope of Article 19 and its Regional Equivalents; The Three Part Test: Legality, The Three Part Test: Valid Grounds, The Three Part Test: Necessary; Scope of Freedom of Expression: Political Speech, Speech of Public Officials, Access to Government-Held Information; Press Freedom and Media Regulation, The Regulation of the Written Press; The Regulation of Broadcasting, Journalists: Licensing, Journalists: Protection of Sources.

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Model Question Paper

Time: Max Marks = 40

Answer All questions

- 1. Why is Freedom of Expression significant?
 - A) To control information
 - B) To promote self-development and tolerance
 - C) To limit democracy
 - D) To restrict access to information
- 2. Which of these international legal instruments specifically talks about Freedom of Expression?
 - A) Universal Declaration of Human Rights
 - B) Geneva Convention
 - C) Kyoto Protocol
 - D) Paris Agreement
- 3. Which of the following articles of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) mentions Freedom of Expression?
 - A) Article 10
 - B) Article 19
 - C) Article 25
 - D) Article 50
- 4. Which of these regions is protected by the European Convention on Freedom of Expression?
 - A) Europe
 - B) Africa
 - C) Middle East
 - D) Asia Pacific
- 5. What concept refers to the principle that restrictions on Freedom of Expression must be necessary, proportionate, and pursue a legitimate aim?
- A) Three-Part Test
- B) Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- C) Inter-American Convention on Human Rights
- D) European Convention on Freedom of Expression
- 6. Which type of speech is included in the scope of Freedom of Expression?
 - A) Private conversations
 - **B)** Political Speech
 - C) Hate speech
 - D) Propaganda
- 7. Which convention specifically addresses Freedom of Expression in the Americas?
 - A) Universal Declaration of Human Rights
 - B) European Convention on Human Rights
 - C) Inter-American Convention on Human Rights

- D) African Convention on Human and People's Rights
- 8. Which amendment of the US Constitution protects Freedom of Expression?
 - A) First Amendment
 - B) Second Amendment
 - C) Third Amendment
 - D) Fourth Amendment
- 9. What term describes the protection of journalists' sources in the context of Freedom of Expression?
- A) Source anonymity
- B) Press freedom
- C) Journalistic confidentiality
- D) Media integrity
- 10. Which aspect of Freedom of Expression is essential for democracy and development?
 - A) Censorship
 - B) Political Speech
 - C) Media regulation
 - D) Access to Government-Held Information
- 11. What term describes the principle that Freedom of Expression is essential for individuals to seek and impart information without hindrance or interference?
- A) Freedom of Speech
- **B) Right to Information**
- C) Media Pluralism
- D) Access to Government-Held Information
- 12. Which aspect of Freedom of Expression does the US First Amendment protect?
 - A) Political Speech
 - B) Hate Speech
 - C) Commercial Speech
 - D) Religious Speech
- 13. What term describes the protection of individuals who disclose information that is in the public interest, even if it breaches confidentiality agreements or laws?
- A) Whistleblower protection
- B) Journalistic immunity
- C) Confidentiality privilege
- D) Classified disclosure doctrine
- 14. What term refers to the principle that Freedom of Expression extends to digital platforms and online communication?
- A) Digital Expression
- B) Cyber Speech
- C) Internet Freedom
- D) Online Pluralism
- 15. What is the significance of the African Convention on Human and People's Rights regarding Freedom of Expression?
 - A) It guarantees freedom of expression only for individuals
 - B) It does not address Freedom of Expression
 - C) It specifically addresses Freedom of Expression for both individuals and groups
 - D) It restricts Freedom of Expression for certain groups

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