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UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY STUDIES
End Semester Examination, December 2022

Course: Right to Information
Semester: IX
Program: B.TechLL.B
Time: 03 hrs.
Course Code: CLNL3009P

Max. Marks: 100

Section-A

Instructions-

- 1. Attempt all questions**
- 2. Each Question will carry 2 Marks**

S. No.	Fill in the blanks	Marks	CO
Q 1	The time limit for providing information in matters of life and liberty is _____	2	CO1
Q2	The public officer who provides information is known as _____	2	CO2
Q3	The appointing authority of the CIC is _____	2	CO1
Q4	Citizens falling _____ are exempted from paying the fee to get information.	2	CO2
Q5	The appointment of SIC is done by _____	2	CO1

SECTION B

Instruction-

- 1. Each question will carry 5 marks**
- 2. Write short / brief notes**
- 3. Attempt all questions**

Q6	Summarize the obligations on public authorities as per the relevant provision of the RTI Act.	5	CO2
Q7	Describe the political scenario in India which led to the coming of the RTI Act, 2005.	5	CO2
Q8	What was the constitutional debate pertaining to Freedom of Press in India?	5	CO4
Q9	Explain the constitution of the Central Information Commission.	5	CO2

SECTION-C

Instruction-

- 1. Each question will carry 10 marks**
- 2. Write short / brief notes**
- 3. Attempt all questions**

Q10	Explain, as per the provision of the RTI Act 2005, the procedure for requesting information from a public authority.	10	CO3
Q11	Discuss how even after almost two decades of the implementation of the RTI Act 2005, the effective and successful implementation of the same remains to be a challenge.	10	CO4
<p>SECTION-D</p> <p>Instructions-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Question carries 25 Marks. 2. Attempt all parts of the question. 3. Maximum word limit for each question is 400 words. 			
Q12	<p><i>“The concept of regulation of fundamental rights borrowed and extracted from American decisions cannot be accepted. The American First Amendment contains no exceptions like our Art. 19(2) of the Constitution. This Court has established freedom of the press to speak and express. That freedom cannot be abridged and taken away by the manner the impugned policy has done.”</i></p> <p>Throwing light on the above statement from the Bennett Coleman & Co. & Ors vs Union Of India & Ors. decision, explain why Freedom of Press is a crucial facet of Freedom of Speech and Expression under Article 19(1) of the Constitution of India and how has the same been imbibed into the Indian Constitution as an implied Fundamental right.</p>	25	CO4
Q13	A student appeared for CBSE Board exams in March 2022. When the results were declared and he got the mark sheet he was disappointed with his marks. He thought that he had done well in the examination but his answer-books were not properly valued and that improper valuation had resulted in low marks. Therefore he made an application for inspection and re-evaluation of his answer-books. CBSE rejected the said request by letter stating the following reasons for rejection :		

	<p>(i) The information sought was exempted under Section 8(1)(e) of RTI Act since CBSE shared fiduciary relationship with its evaluators and maintain confidentiality of both manner and method of evaluation.</p> <p>(ii) The Examination Bye-laws of the Board provided that no candidate shall claim or is entitled to re-evaluation of his answers or disclosure or inspection of answer book(s) or other documents.</p> <p>(iii) The larger public interest does not warrant the disclosure of such information sought.</p> <p>On the basis of the facts presented decide whether the information sought falls within the exemption provided by the RTI Act or not. Give substantial arguments and case laws to supplement your answer.</p>	25	CO4
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