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Sample Legal Reasoning Questions for CLAT 2024

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SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR CLAT

Read the passage and answer the following questions.

Passage 1

The Gujarat High Court Tuesday refused to grant Congress leader Rahul Gandhi interim relief on his plea for a stay of conviction in the criminal defamation case over his “Modi surname” remark.

On the second day of the hearing of Gandhi’s plea challenging a Surat court’s refusal to grant a stay on his conviction, The court of Justice Hemant Prachchhak said the verdict would be pronounced only after the summer vacation. The high court will close for summer vacation from May 8 to June 4, and Justice Prachchhak will be unavailable from May 4 as he is travelling outside the country.

Rahul Gandhi’s counsel senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi requested interim relief after the judge indicated the expected timeline of a final verdict. Justice Prachchhak said he wished to peruse the entire trial proceedings record in the case that occurred before a Surat magistrate court before pronouncing the final order and has now called for the same.

Meanwhile, complainant Purnesh Modi’s counsel Tuesday argued that the Congress leader’s stand in the courtroom is different from that in public. The counsel also said it was fine for Gandhi to be a “motormouth” but then he should not approach the court seeking relief like a “crybaby”.

[Source: *Gujarat High Court refuses to grant interim relief to Rahul Gandhi in defamation case*, The Indian Express]

1. (i) Defamation is a civil offence. (ii) Defamation is a criminal offence. a. Only (i) is true b. Only (ii) is true c. (ii) is false and (i) is partially true d. Both (i) and (ii) are true

2. Defamation is defined under _____ of IPC. a. Section 499 of IPC b. Section 479 of IPC c. Section 424 of IPC d. Section 429 of IPC
3. In which of the following case did the Court say that “Reputation of one cannot be allowed to be crucified at the altar of the other’s right of free speech” a. Subramanyam Swamy v. UoI b. Shreya Singhal v. UoI c. Avnish Bajaj v. State d. None of the above
4. Which of the following are essential elements to constitute defamation? (i) The Statement in question must be defamatory in nature. (ii) The allegation or statement must refer to the petitioner (iii) It should be a statement that must be published, communicated to at least one person, apart from the affected one. a. i and ii only b. iii only c. i, ii and iii d. i only
5. Libel is defamation caused by _____. a. Written words b. Spoken words c. Both written and spoken words d. None of the above

[Also Read: *Notes on Defamation*]

Answers

1. d
2. a
3. a
4. c
5. a

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