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Check your Knowledge on Sexual Offences against A Woman

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Choose the correct option from the following given options:

A. A graduate sent a letter to his English teacher which contained obscene drawings and overtures. The graduate shall be guilty of:

a. Stalking

b. Voyeurism

c. Insulting the modesty of a woman

d. Outraging the modesty of a woman

Ans. c

Rationale: If a person with an object to insult the modesty of a woman exposes private parts of his body to her or uses obscene words or exhibits obscene drawings he shall be liable for the offence of insulting the modesty of a woman. However it is not necessary that the offender himself should personally exhibit the object; he may employ an agent for the same.

B. ‘A’ while dancing with her friend ‘C’ in a party presses his chest against hers. ‘C’ complaints the same. ‘A’ shall be guilty of:

a. Insulting the modesty of a woman

b. Outraging the modesty of a woman

c. Stalking

d. Voyeurism

Ans. b

Rationale: the modesty of a woman is outraged by touching her without her consent at such parts of her body which are unacceptable to her by using criminal force or assault. Certain acts are

bound to be outrageous to modesty of every woman such as touching on her posterior sexual organs etc.

C. A male teacher ‘B’ compelled ‘C’ his female student to remove all her clothes in front of the whole class as a punishment of not doing her home work. Decide the guilt of B:

a. Stalking

b. Voyeurism

c. Disrobing

d. None of the above

Ans. c

Rationale: A man shall be guilty of the offence of disrobing if he compels a woman by assaulting or using criminal force to remove her clothes and be naked in any public place.

D. ‘A’ entered in the room of a girl aged about two years who was sleeping and injured her private parts. In this case ‘A’ has committed:

a. No offence

b. Outraging modesty of a woman

c. Rape

d. House trespass

Ans. b

Rationale: The essence of a woman’ modesty is her sex. The modesty of an adult female is writ large on her body. Young or old, intelligent or imbecile, awake or sleeping, the woman possesses modesty capable of being outraged. The modesty of a woman is outraged by touching her without her consent at such parts of her body which are unacceptable to her by using criminal force or assault. Certain acts are bound to be outrageous to modesty of every woman such as touching on her posterior sexual organs etc.

E. Even after clear indication of disinterest shown by a woman to man, if such man follows her, then under which circumstance it would not constitute offence of stalking?

a. It was pursued under a law

b. One sided love affair

c. Due to a commercial transaction

d. None of the above

Ans. a

Rationale: Any man who, follows a woman and contacts, or attempts to contact such woman to foster personal interaction repeatedly despite a clear indication of disinterest by such woman or monitors the use by a woman of the internet, email or any other form of electronic communication or watches or spies a woman in any manner that results in fear of violence, distress in the mind of such woman, interferes with the mental peace of the woman commits the offence of stalking. Provided that such conduct shall not amount to stalking if the man who pursued it proves that it was pursued under any law or to comply with any condition or requirement imposed by any person under any law.



F. When a woman was taking bath in her bathroom 'X' captures the image in his mobile and upload it on her Facebook page. What offence has been committed by 'X'?

a. Sexual assault

b. Insulting modesty of a woman

c. Voyeurism

d. Stalking

Ans. c

Rationale: Under IPC a man shall be guilty of the offence of voyeurism if he watches a woman when she is engaged in a private act in circumstances where she would usually have the expectation of not being observed.

G. ‘B’ and his girlfriend ‘G’ both adults engage in consensual sexual intercourse in privacy of the bedroom of the latter and ‘B’ with her consent prepares a video clip on his mobile camera and later shows it in total privacy to his friend ‘F’ it amounts to:

a. Stalking

b. Voyeurism

c. Rape

d. None of the above

Ans. b

Rationale: Voyeurism is not only a violation of a person’s privacy but also transforms into gross violation of human rights of women’s dignity and reputation thus also if a woman has agreed to engage in a sexual act voluntarily, then video graphing the same and making it available to third person without her consent shall be punishable as once recorded video finds a place in the pornographic market.

H. Which of the following acts will amount to the offence of ‘stalking’?

a. A post graduate walking behind a female teacher

b. A police officer following a woman for detection of crime

c. A male colleague monitoring the e-mails of female colleague

d.None of these

Ans. c

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I. According to IPC any man who monitors the use by a woman of the internet, e-mail, or any other form of electronic communication commits the offence of:

a. Voyeurism

b. Stalking

c. Watching

d. Searching

Ans. b

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J. ‘A’ and ‘B’ are good friends. ‘A’ proposes ‘B’ for marriage but she denies. ‘A’ in suspicion of B’s love affair with somebody else monitors the use of mobile phone and e-mail account by ‘B’. What offence has been committed by ‘A’?

a. Outrage the modesty

b. Voyeurism

c. Stalking

d. None of the above

Ans. c

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