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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026

Fourth Semester

B21JL02AN – News Reporting and Editing

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Common for B.A Arabic/English/Hindi/Sanskrit/Afzal ul Ulama

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. What is the motto of All India Radio (Akashvani)?
2. Which is considered the first newspaper published in India?
3. What is the term for news that are factual, compact and have great impact on society?
4. What is the structure that presents most important information first in news writing?
5. What type of reporting involves in-depth research to uncover wrongdoing or corruption?
6. What does RTI stand for in the context of investigative journalism?
7. What does SEO stand for in online journalism?
8. What is the fundamental right enshrined in Article 19(1)(a) of India's Constitution?
9. Who is known as the 'unsung hero' in news production?
10. What is the governing authority of a newspaper called?
11. What is a headline that stretches across the full-page width called?
12. What is a short promotional piece of writing accompanying a news story called?
13. What does PCI stand for?
14. What does the term "lead" refer to in journalism?
15. What is the main purpose of hyperlinks in online journalism?

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. What are the main functions of headlines?
17. Describe the responsibilities of an Editor in a newspaper organization.
18. What are the main purposes of writing editorials?
19. What is sting operation in journalism?
20. Explain the principles of accuracy and attribution in news editing.

21. Explain the reasons for the popularity of podcasts.
22. What is the role of whistleblowers in investigative journalism?
23. Describe Official Secret Act 1923.
24. Explain any two news values.
25. What is the purpose of a press release?

(2X5=10)

Section C

Answer any six of the following questions in one page each. Each question carries 5 marks.

26. Discuss the characteristics of headlines and how headlines have evolved with changing times.
27. How does journalism function as the fourth pillar of democracy?
28. Explain the role of media in disaster reporting with reference to Kerala floods.
29. Differentiate between hard news and soft news with examples
30. Describe the role of All India Radio in the evolution of broadcast journalism in India.
31. What are the essential steps in conducting an effective interview?
32. What is the significance of cultivating news sources for journalists?
33. How does writing for television news differ from newspaper writing?
34. Explain the difference between civil and criminal defamation in India.
35. What does the term layout mean? What are the three types of layouts and balancing in layout?
36. Compare and contrast three different types of leads and provide examples of each from real news stories.
37. Why is it important for newspapers to maintain a consistent stylebook, and what role does it play in headline writing?

(5X6=30)

Section D

Answer any two of the following questions in three pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

38. Analyze how technological innovations have transformed the profession of journalism and discuss the emerging challenges journalists face in maintaining ethical standards in the digital age.
39. Investigative journalism plays a crucial role in exposing corruption and holding power accountable. Discuss the characteristics, methods, and ethical challenges of investigative reporting.
40. Examine the legal and ethical framework governing journalism in India. Discuss key provisions like Article 19(1)(a), defamation laws, contempt of court, and the role of self-regulatory bodies like the Press Council of India.
41. Editing is the backbone of news production. Explain the principles, objectives, and processes of news editing.

(10X2=20)