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**Third Semester B.A. Degree Examination, March 2022**

**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**

**Journalism**

**Complementary Course I for English**

**CJ 1331 BASICS OF NEWS REPORTING**

**(2019 & 2020 Admission)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

I. Briefly describe in one word to maximum of two sentences :

1. Timeliness
2. Round-up story
3. Side story
4. Accuracy in reporting
5. Oddity intro
6. Prominence
7. News determinant

P.T.O.

8. Angle
9. By-line
10. Follow up stories

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer/Describe **any eight** not exceeding one paragraph.

11. Explain how curiosity becomes an important quality of a reporter.
12. Explain the responsibilities of a reporter.
13. Descriptive lead.
14. Plagiarism.
15. What is backpack reporting?
16. Why should a reporter need a good vocabulary?
17. Proximity as news value.
18. How do you prepare a news feature?
19. Explain the functions of a good intro.
20. What is Blind lead? Write an example.
21. Explain objectivity and its importance in reporting.
22. Differentiate between news and fiction.
23. Explain how weather turns into an important news determinant.
24. Explain suspended interest lead with an example.
25. What are the qualities of a good intro?
26. Summary lead.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer **any six** not exceeding **120** words.

27. Explain the unacceptable practices in journalism.
28. Differentiate hard news from soft news.
29. Explain staccato lead and quotation lead.
30. Explain the news value 'currency' and its impact on news coverage.
31. Do you feel sensationalism is a good for news? Why?
32. What is sting operation?
33. How does a reporter avoid fiction from news?
34. Explain the elements of a news report.
35. Give two reports where rarity becomes the basic news value.
36. Does punch lead have any role in today's newspaper?
37. Explain 'exclusive'.
38. Explain reverse sting operation.

**(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)**

IV. Answer any two essays :

39. List and explain the qualities of a good reporter.
40. Differentiate between inverted pyramid structure and hourglass structure of news writing.
41. Explain what is a news source. Also describe the major sources a news reporter could utilise.

42. In the age of social media many news values do not have the 'value'. Critically analyse this statement.
43. Explain the steps needed in investigative reporting.
44. Critically examine the types of 'leads' that today's newspaper follow.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

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