

Do you agree that there should be self-regulation mechanisms for the online media platforms to have control over their content production? Share your observations in the context of rising independent media practices in India.

6. "Information is the lifeblood of a democracy". Explain the statement in the context of Right to Information Act (RTI) and its implementation for the effective functioning of democracy and media in India.

Or

Analyze debates on morality and accountability in media content, considering issues such as taste, culture, and censorship.

7. Critically analyze the role of the Press Council of India as a moral watchdog of journalistic ethics and in helping newspapers to maintain their independence.

Or

Which factors influence media reportage of marginalized sections such as children and differently-abled individuals?

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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. This question paper contains 2 parts. Both parts are compulsory.
3. Candidates have to answer **ALL** the questions in Part A and **ANY THREE** questions in Part B.
4. Questions in Part A carry **10** marks each and questions in Part B carry **20** marks each.

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Part A

1. What are the important components of Freedom of speech and expression as provided under Article 19 (1) (a)?

Or

Differentiate between different types of defamation. Discuss its impact on journalistic freedoms.

2. What do you understand by Copyright Act? Explain with relevant examples.

Or

Discuss important ethical guidelines for conducting sting operations, explain the scope and limitations of such operations for the media.

3. What role do fake news and disinformation play in influencing public opinion? Discuss how they can harm democratic values and affect elections.

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Why did the Supreme Court term Section 66A of the Information Technology Act, of 2000 as 'unconstitutional' and struck down the Section? Discuss the reasons with relevant examples.

PART- B

4. Evaluate the ethical and legal aspects of live reporting, sting operations, and phone tapping within the realm of media technology, contemplating their effects on journalistic integrity and societal trust.

Or

Critically evaluate the role of media ethics in negotiating cultural dependence, probing into how cultural contexts shape journalistic methods and ethical standards.

5. "Indian advertising, in some measures, is pushing the boundaries of the ways in which women are represented". Explain the statement with suitable examples.

Or

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