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Name of the Paper : Investigative Journalism DSE

Name of the Course : **Bachelor of Arts (Honours Course) Journalism**

Semester : VII

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 90

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.

Part A

1. (a) What is investigative reporting and how is it different from regular news gathering?

OR

- (b) Discuss the ethical considerations to keep in mind while carrying out sting operations.

2. (a) Differentiate between on-the-record, off-the-record and background with relevant examples.

OR

- (b) Define news sources and briefly distinguish between traditional and digital sources.

3. (a) Examine how the Right to Information Act, 2005 aids investigative journalists in their work.

OR

- (b) What is the 'Right to Privacy'? How does it come in conflict with investigative journalism?

4. (a) Examine how the Official Secrets Act can influence the work of investigative journalists in India.

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- (b) With the help of an example of '*Deepthroat*', discuss the significance of protecting a source for an investigative journalist.

Part B

5. (a) Critically examine the efficacy of the Whistleblower Protection Act, 2014 in protecting sources and informants in India in the last decade. Do you think its presence is strengthening investigative journalism?

OR

- (b) Discuss the role of the Press Commissions in formulating recommendations on press responsibility, autonomy and the public interest.
6. (a) Describe the process of fact-checking in investigative journalism and its significance in maintaining accuracy and credibility.

OR

- (b) How does the Information Technology Act, 2000 regulate cybercrime and online offences? What is the impact of its amendments in 2008 on digital investigative journalism? Explain with suitable examples.
7. (a) Discuss the evolution and growth of investigative journalism in India. Also, examine the contribution of any one of the following journalists to this history-

- (i) Sucheta Dalal
- (ii) Chitra Subramaniam Duella
- (iii) Arun Shourie

OR

- (b) Critically analyse how defamation laws and contempt of court influence the work of investigative journalists in India.
8. (a) Write a long note on any **TWO** :
- (i) Ethico-Legal Coefficient
 - (ii) Traditional sources of news
 - (iii) Sting Operation

OR

- (b) Critically examine the evolving challenges faced by investigative journalists in the digital age with relevant examples.
9. (a) Discuss how data journalism has changed the face of investigative reporting with relevant examples.

OR

- (b) Discuss the contributions of Ida Tarbell to the field of investigative journalism.