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6. (a) Discuss the importance of accuracy and avoidance of conflict of interest in investigative reporting. Support your answer with relevant examples.

Or

- (b) "Plagiarism is the silent threat to journalistic credibility." Explain the forms, consequences, and preventive measures of plagiarism in journalism.
7. (a) "New media and social media have transformed the way investigative journalism is conducted." Explain how modern tools such as social media, sting operations, and the Right to Information (RTI) have changed investigative reporting. Also discuss the challenges related to misinformation, propaganda, and verification.

Or

- (b) "A good investigative journalist must balance public interest with the right to privacy." Discuss this statement by explaining ethical principles. Illustrate your answer with practical examples.

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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 **two** parts. **Both** parts are **COMPULSORY**.
3. Candidates have to answer **All** questions in **PART A** and **Any 3** 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. (a) *“Investigative journalism is about uncovering truths that someone wants hidden.”* Briefly comment with suitable examples.

Or

- (b) Discuss the qualities of a good investigative journalist. Give examples to support your answer.

2. (a) Explain the difference between on-the-record and off-the-record sources. Why is confidentiality important?

Or

- (b) “Social media has transformed news sourcing but also increased misinformation.” Critically evaluate this statement.

3. (a) What is meant by the right to privacy? How does it conflict with the public’s right to know?

Or

- (b) Discuss the ethico-legal challenges faced by investigative journalists in modern media.

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Part-B

4. (a) Compare and analyze the impact of the Panama Papers and the Watergate Scandal as landmark case studies. What lessons do they offer for contemporary investigative journalists?

Or

- (b) Evaluate the role of sting operations and digital tools (internet and social media) in modern investigative journalism. Do they strengthen or compromise journalistic ethics? Justify with examples.

5. (a) “Sources are the backbone of journalism, but also its greatest vulnerability.” Discuss this statement with reference to types of news sources and their reliability.

Or

- (b) Analyze the role of traditional vs new media sources in news gathering. How has social media transformed sourcing practices in journalism?

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