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6. (a) “Ethics in journalism is not optional, but foundational.” Discuss this statement in the context of ethico-legal responsibilities of investigative journalists.

Or

- (b) Analyze how ethical issues, legal constraints, and professional pressures intersect in investigative journalism. Suggest ways to maintain integrity while handling these challenges.
7. (a) “Investigative journalism is a combination of skill, reliable sources, and ethical responsibility.” Discuss this statement by explaining the process of investigative reporting, the role of different types of sources, and the ethical challenges faced by journalists.

Or

- (b) “Truth in journalism depends not only on discovering facts but also on verifying and presenting them responsibly.” Analyze this statement with reference to fact-checking processes, confidentiality of sources, and issues like accuracy and plagiarism. Support your answer with suitable examples.

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Part A

1. (a) Explain the process of investigative reporting. How is it different from traditional reporting?

Or

- (b) "Sting operations are both a tool and a controversy in journalism." Critically examine this statement.

2. (a) Describe the fact-checking process in journalism. Give examples of common verification methods.

Or

- (b) Discuss various types of information sources and their reliability in investigative journalism.

3. (a) Explain the concept of plagiarism in journalism. How can it be avoided?

Or

- (b) "Ethics is the backbone of credible journalism." Explain the statement with reference to investigative reporting.

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Part-B

4. (a) "Investigative journalism is the watchdog of democracy." Critically examine this statement by discussing the history, evolution, and role of investigative journalism in ensuring transparency and accountability.

Or

- (b) Discuss the key qualities required to be an investigative journalist. How do these qualities influence career opportunities and professional challenges in the field?

5. (a) Explain the importance of confidentiality of sources, distinguishing between on-record, off-record, and background information. How should journalists handle ethical dilemmas in this context?

Or

- (b) Critically evaluate different variables of information such as eyewitness accounts, social media feeds, propaganda, and whistleblowers. How can journalists verify and prioritize these sources?

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