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## **Practice Questions Theory**

1. Can James Augustus Hickey be described as the father of the Indian Press? Did Hickey initiate the struggle for the freedom of the press?
2. Hickey initiated the struggle for the freedom of the press. Do you support this view? Enumerate Hickey's role in Indian journalism.
3. Do you think Hickey laid the foundation of Print journalism in India? Give your reasons.
4. "James Augustus Hickey is regarded as the father of Indian journalism "- Discuss.
5. The trends of journalism set by Raja Rammohan Roy influenced the reformist movement in India. - Explain.
6. Why did Rammohan Roy close down Mirat - ul- Akhbar? What were the changes Rammohan Roy had brought to Indian Journalism?
7. 'Raja Rammohan Roy inaugurated the modern age' - Do you agree with this opinion? Discuss.
8. Raja Rammohan Roy was the first man to fight for press freedom in India. In which context does he have to launch this struggle? Discuss the social reforms he wanted to bring about through free public expression.
9. Rammohan Roy initiated the social reform movement in the 19th Century India through his newspapers. Do you agree with the view? Also discussed in this context is Rammohan's connection with James silk Buckingham.
10. Discuss the journalistic contribution of Mahatma Gandhi to the freedom movement of India.
11. What are the procedures for writing a news report? Is the collection of news determined by this procedure? Discuss.
12. In print media use of photographs has increased remarkably. What are the reasons? Explain with arguments.



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13. While deviating from basic guidelines for the presentation of news, getting more importance and opinion have become indispensable. Discuss your opinion on this.
14. The traditional news values are taking a back seat as the characteristic of tabloid journalism are taking over newspaper-Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer
15. What is the difference between news 'source' and news 'beat'? Give a brief note on beat reporter
16. "Journalists are gatekeepers of information". Do you agree? Does this gatekeeping obstruct the free flow of information?
17. Discuss the principles of news writing and its relevance to responsible journalism. Illustrate with examples
18. What is the difference between In-depth news stories and feature stories? Discuss the difference with reference to the principles of feature writing. Illustrate with examples
19. Define news. Discuss the main elements of news
20. What do you mean by news values? Is it added within the four walls of a news media? Illustrate your answer
21. Is the elements of news are most important. Identify these elements with your explanation for importance.
22. Reporters are the eyes and ears of a media organization. Do you subscribe to this view? Illustrate your answer giving the job of a reporter.
23. Explain the essential features of column writing.
24. Discuss the difference between news as information, education, and entertainment with examples
25. Live coverage has made news a 24 hours business. Discuss the elements of news in the context of the globalized world
26. News about the environment and other social problems should be more critical in news media. What is your opinion?
27. What is investigative reporting? Do you feel it's needed in modern news writing? Give your views stating which areas of reporting its presence are now widely felt.
28. Page 3 reporting has become very popular among the young generation. Account for its growing popularity.



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29. "public affairs reporting keeps the citizens well informed". Do you subscribe to this view? Explain

30. Discuss briefly environmental reporting.

31. What is investigative journalism? Discuss with examples.

32. Critically examine the limitations of appearing neutral in situations where human rights have been violated. Describe how objectivity is achieved in news reporting.

33. Can celebrity lifestyle stories be covered as news items, or should this be described as sensationalism? Discuss.

34. Discuss the role of the media in creating environmental awareness and its success or failure as a watchdog with reference to at least two recent examples.

35. An ideal interview is said to be the midway between monologue and dialogue. Discuss how a reporter can successfully negotiate this way while taking a news interview.

36. What do you know about page 3 journalism? Do you think yellow journalism is staging a comeback through page 3? Give your views.

37. Democracy can be measured by the quality of political and human rights reporting.- Discuss

38. What is investigative journalism? Discuss the qualities of an investigative reporter.

39. News has become more interpretative with the growth of 24 hours news television. Discuss the value of interpretation to the public

40. Film and sports have become mainstream news. Discuss this change with reference to the recent examples.

41. Given an opportunity to write a column in a newspaper, what subject will you choose? Explain the reason behind your choice.

42. What is 'editing'? What are the main aspects of editing? Discuss the role of the chief Sub Editor in editing newspapers briefly?

43. "The function of 'lead' in the news is to get readers' attention and lure them into the story"  
- Do you agree with this statement? Is the character of the lead undergoing changes recently?



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44. "A Headline that heads a report highlighting the news in it."- Does it convey the real meaning of the Headline?
45. Discuss the principles of news editing briefly. What role does a chief sub-editor play in making a newspaper?
46. "Headlines perform the functions of indexing, summarizing and advertising the news story." Explain.
47. Can a story begin without an intro? Does the intro go against literary writing? What is its importance in news communication? Discuss
48. "The headline is the bait and the body a trap, and once the reader takes the bait and falls into the trap, he will be in the wonderland of news." Do you support this view? Has there been any change in composing the Headline for newspapers?
49. "The most useful man of a newspaper is one who can edit". Does editing determine the quality of newspaper production? What are the principles of copy editing?
50. Briefly describe the duties and responsibilities of the chief Sub editor of a daily newspaper.
51. What is a cartoon? Is it losing importance nowadays?
52. News Editor is the number one man in a newsroom. Elucidate.
53. Ticking the 'T's and dotting 'I's is not the job of sub-editors alone. Discuss in this context the job of sub-editor.
54. The 'desk' comprising News Editor, Chief Sub-Editor and Sub-Editor, is crucial to producing a newspaper or magazine. Discuss the role and responsibilities of these functionaries in newspaper production.



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## **Practice Questions Lab**

1. Do you think that the re-writing desk is essential at any newspaper office?
2. Why is newspaper page makeup giving so much importance to the application of technology?
3. What criteria should the copy editor follow for the selection of news in media? Express your opinion.
4. Every media follows a definite policy for editing news. What's your opinion.
5. What is the difference between editing a daily newspaper and a periodical?
6. Discuss the techniques of editing news agency copies for a newspaper briefly. Does the policy of a newspaper have any influence on it?
7. "Editing is necessary to make the news pictures more meaningful" – Explain. Is the importance of graphics increasing along with news pictures?
8. Does page planning reflect news planning? Is there any attempt to pursue the readers? What are the basic principles of front page-make up?
9. Layout and page planning 'frames' the news. Discuss how graphics photograph cartoons contribute to the display and presentation of news.
10. Editorials reflect the opinion of the newspaper. Columnists offer independent opinions that could conflict with editorial opinions. Discuss the freedom to advocate any idea or action in the context of the freedom of the press.
11. A photograph tells more than a thousand- words. Do you agree? Give an answer detailing the need for photography in journalism and the qualities of a photographer.
12. The front page or the edit page – which one of the two represents the attitude of a newspaper?
13. You have been given the charge of the Sunday Magazine section of a newly launched daily from Delhi. Describe your plans to make it attractive and a good read.