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Admission Test Paper (Part-B)
M.A. Convergent Journalism
(2008-2009)

Total Marks: 100.

Time: 3 Hours

Please read the following instructions **VERY CAREFULLY** before answering the questions:

1. Write your Roll No. in the space given above and on the front cover of the answer book.
2. Please do not write your Roll No. or name anywhere else in the answer book.
3. The test paper is divided into two parts:
 - You have to answer 03 questions from Part-I. Each question is worth 20 marks.
 - In Part-II there are 03 questions and all three are compulsory to answer. While question No. 5 and 6 are worth 15 marks each, question No. 6 carries only 10 marks.
4. **Answer the questions pointedly and precisely. Display your writing skills as best as you can.**

(Part-I)

1. What in your view is the best and the most reliable source of news and information: Newspapers, Radio, Television or Internet? On which medium you rely more for your daily diet of news and information and why?

OR

Which is your favorite TV news channel and why? Illustrate your answer by giving examples from the news and current affairs programmes shown on that channel.

2. The UPA government has announced a 60,000 crore loan waiver package for the farmers in this year's budget. While the government believes that this step was necessary to improve the miserable condition of farmers in the country some people feel that this money should have been used to strengthen the agricultural sector and invigorate the rural economy for the long term benefit of farmers. What is your take on this issue?

OR

The verdict is out. The Supreme Court has given go ahead to the Government of India to give 27% reservation to OBCs in higher education. But the Court has said that the 'creamy layer' should be kept out of the ambit of reservation. What are your personal views on this contentious issue of immense national importance?

3. The Left parties and the BJP are vehemently opposing the proposed 123 Agreement between India and the US. Are they justified in their opposition to the proposed Indo-US nuclear deal? Do you agree with the government that this kind of agreement between America and India is vital to solve the energy crisis in the country?

OR

The UPA government has come under severe criticism from the opposition parties for being 'soft' towards China on the issue of Tibet. They say that India should have protested loudly against the 'violent oppression' of Tibetan Monks in Lhasa recently. Do you agree or disagree with such views.

4. After the recent elections in Pakistan new National and Provincial Assemblies have been formed at the Centre and in all the four provinces of the country. The most striking feature of those elections was that the masses rejected the fundamentalist political parties and overwhelmingly voted for the mainstream secular political parties of the country. Now those secular parties have joined hands to form the coalition governments. Some noted political commentators of India and Pakistan have termed the formation of these governments as a major turning point in the political history of Pakistan. As a citizen India how do you look at these developments?

OR

After last month's general elections in Nepal, the Maoists have secured the majority of seats in the Constituent Assembly. Discuss the importance of these elections in the political history of Nepal and their implications for India?

5. Nano, the new small car developed by TATA Motors has been hailed as a revolutionary step in India's motoring history. But many people are worried about Nano's impact on the environment and the traffic scenario of the country. How do you look at the Nano which has been termed as "people's car" by the chairman of Tata Sons, Ratan Tata?

OR

In the last couple of years several big business houses have entered in the retail business in India. While some people have welcomed this development others are opposing the entry of big business houses and multinationals in the retail sector on the ground that their presence will send millions of small shop owners out of business across the country. What are your views on this controversial issue?

(Part-II)

6. Write an essay in **ENGLISH**, in not less than 500 words, on any one of the following topics:
(15 Marks)
- (a) The changing life style of Indians: A curse or boon?
 - (b) Freedom of expression and speech: What do they mean to the youth today?
 - (c) Mall Culture: The new face of consumerism!
 - (d) Examination system: Should it be changed?

7. Write short notes on any three of the following in not less than 200 words each:

(15 Marks)

- (a) Inflation: What are the reasons behind the rising prices of essential commodities?
- (b) Global warming: Who is to be blamed?
- (c) My Country My Life: What is new and revealing in L K Advani's much discussed autobiography?
- (d) Criminalization of politics: will it ever end?
- (e) Indian media: Does it provide a balanced coverage of political and developmental news stories?
- (f) Corruption: What can the general public do to end it?

8. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

(10 Marks)

- (i) There _____ many possible candidates.
 - is
 - are
 - was
 - None of the above.
- (ii) Few of my family really _____ me.
 - understand
 - understands
 - either of the above
 - none of the above
- (iii) Is an author to blame for what the public _____ from his book?
 - infers
 - implies
 - either of the above
 - none of the above
- (iv) My house is _____ his.
 - different from
 - different than
 - either of the above
 - none of the above
- (v) The old man fascinated _____ children with stories of adventure.
 - them
 - us
 - we
 - none of the above
- (vi) Why don't you get _____ some lunch?
 - your selves
 - yourselves
 - yourself
 - none of the above

- (vii) By the time the sun _____, we had _____ nearly a hundred miles.
- rised, drove
 - raised, driven
 - rose, driven
 - had raised, driven
- (viii) Why is the referee so _____ the players?
- angry at
 - angry with
 - angry in
 - angry over
- (ix) He walked right _____ the trap we set for him.
- up on
 - in
 - into
 - in upon
- (X) He spoke very _____
- strange
 - stranger
 - strangest
 - strangely