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University of Kerala

Fourth Semester FYUGP Degree Examination, May 2026

Discipline Specific Elective

POLITICAL SCIENCE

UK4DSEPOS201 - Political Journalism

Academic Level: 200-299

2024 Admission

Time: 2 Hours(120 Mins)

Max. Marks: 56

Part A. 6 Marks:Time 5 Minutes.(Cognitive Level :Remember(RE)/Understand(UN)) Objective Type.1 mark each, Answer all questions

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
1	What is Pegasus spyware?	RE	3
2	Explain Editorial in a newspaper.	RE	1
3	Explain Foreign Policy Reporting.	UN	2
4	What type of journalism is associated with P. Sainath?	UN	2
5	What is election reporting?	UN	3
6	What is information overload?	UN	3

Part B. 10 Marks.Time:20 Minutes (Cognitive Level:Understand(UN)/Apply(AP))Two-three sentences.2 marks each.Answer all questions

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
7	Discuss investigative journalism with examples	UN	1
8	Differentiate between misinformation and fake news.	UN	4
9	Explain how you would verify the authenticity of a deepfake political video before publishing it.	AP	3
10	What is the importance of protecting confidential sources?	AP	2
11	Explain how a journalist can balance development and environmental concerns while reporting on environmental protests in Kerala.	AP	4

Part C. 16 Marks.Time:35 Minutes.(Cognitive Level :Apply(AP)/Analyse(AN))Short Answer.4 marks each, Answer all 4 questions,choosing among options * within each question

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
12	A) Show how 'Soft Power' can be reported as a political news feature. OR B) You are an 'Embedded' journalist with a military unit. How do you apply the 'Independent Observer' rule when your safety depends on the soldiers you are covering?	AP	2, 2
13	A) Discuss the principles of environmental journalism with reference to reporting climate-related disasters. OR B) Explain how a journalist should report the Union Budget.	AP	4, 4
14	A) Analyse the role of interviews in shaping political narratives. OR B) Critically evaluate the role of political journalism in strengthening democratic accountability with reference to the 2026 Kerala Assembly Elections.	AN	1, 1
15	A) Investigate how "echo chambers" on social media reinforce existing media biases and hinder objective political analysis. OR B) Distinguish between a legitimate political opinion piece and a news report that has been compromised by commercial bias.	AN	3, 3

Part D. 24 Marks. Time: 60 Minutes. (Cognitive Level : Analyse(AN)/Evaluate(EV)/Create(CR)) Long Answer 6 Marks each. Answer all 4 questions choosing among options * within each question

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
16	A) Investigate how election result implications are framed differently by journalists depending on the socioeconomic demographics of the constituency. OR B)	AN	1, 1

Qn No.	Question	CL	CO
	Examine the specific structural differences between a political feature story and a standard political news report.		
17	A) Argue whether "Data-Driven Journalism" in international affairs provides more objectivity than traditional eyewitness reporting. OR B) Critically analyse the role of media in reporting international conflicts and its impact on global public opinion.	EV	2, 2
18	A) Support the argument that "Information Overload" is a greater threat to a healthy democracy than explicit government censorship. OR B) Justify the use of aggressive fact-checking labels on social media as a primary strategy for combatting misinformation.	EV	3, 3
19	A) Formulate a multi-platform reporting strategy for a breaking environmental disaster (e.g., an oil spill) that balances immediate hard news updates with in-depth feature writing on ecological consequences. OR B) Construct a specialized ethics handbook for environmental journalists that specifically addresses the challenges of reporting on climate change and corporate pollution.	CR	4, 4