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**University of Pune**  
**Department of Communication and Journalism**  
**Aptitude Test 2010- Common Written Examination**

**Sunday, June 20, 2010**

**Duration: Three Hours**

**Total Marks: 100**

Note: This is English language version of the question paper. You will have to answer it in English ONLY. If you want to write in Marathi ask for the Marathi version. (ही प्रश्नपत्रिका इंग्रजीत आहे व ती इंग्रजीतच सोडवावी लागेल. आपण मराठीत उत्तरे लिहिणार असाल तर मराठी प्रश्नपत्रिका मागून घ्या.)

- \* The Question paper is divided in two sections. Section I Question Paper is given first.
- \* Answers to Section I are to be written in the space provided in Question Paper.
- \* Section II Question Paper will be given only after Section I is returned.
- \* You are advised not to spend more than one hour on answering Section I.

**Section I (Marks 50)**

**Q.1 Name any 15 of the following:**

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1. Founder of Facebook \_\_\_\_\_
2. Indian Naval officer who completed solo sailing expedition around the world  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of Pune IPL team \_\_\_\_\_
4. Famous writer who is advocating Maoists' rights \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which is a SAARC member country- Maldives or Mauritius? \_\_\_\_\_

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Q. 1 (15)	Q. 2 (10)	Q. 3 (10)	Q. 4 (5)	Q. 5 (5)	Q. 6 (5)	Total (50)	Examiner's Signature

6. Which sport is Robin Soderling associated with? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The President of which country died in a plane accident recently? \_\_\_\_\_
8. In which month is World Environment Day observed? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who is hailed as 'the architect' of Delhi Metro? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Nazma Heptulla was a member of which house of the Parliament? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Who is the Minister of Telecommunication in central government? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is BlackBerry? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Actor who won National Award for acting in 'Jogwa' \_\_\_\_\_
14. Almatti dam is built on which river? \_\_\_\_\_
15. On which day of which month (as per Hindu calendar) is Ganesh Chaturthi celebrated?  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. Where in Gujarat is Nano being manufactured now? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Jharkhand was carved out as a separate state from \_\_\_\_\_
18. What are the names Katrina, Fiyan, Laila, Phet etc. associated with?  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. Who preceded Barak Obama as President of USA? \_\_\_\_\_
20. The equation  $E=MC^2$  was formulated by \_\_\_\_\_

**Q. 2 Language skills (Total marks: 10)**

1. Give meaning of **any two** of the following idioms/phrases and use them in your own sentence. (2)

a) Dime a dozen.

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b) Blue Moon.

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c) To put the best foot forward.

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d) To have an axe to grind.

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2. Give **two synonyms each** for **any two** of the following words: (2)

acrimonious \_\_\_\_\_

stupendous \_\_\_\_\_

subterfuge \_\_\_\_\_

dilapidated \_\_\_\_\_

3. Give **one antonym each** of **any four** of the following words: (2)

enlarge \_\_\_\_\_

dense \_\_\_\_\_

submit \_\_\_\_\_

fame \_\_\_\_\_

hygienic \_\_\_\_\_

hefty \_\_\_\_\_

4. There are mistakes in spelling, punctuation and grammar in the following sentences. Rewrite the corrected sentences below underlining the corrected words. You are not expected to add or delete words or punctuation marks but only correct/replace them. (4)

1. The Frenchmans of 19th century use to have akeen interest in art's.

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2. Polititians and busynessmen are richer then common peoples.

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3. Students recieving scholar ship have too work hardly.

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4. oh my god. are you telling the truth!

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**Q. 3 Explain (in not more than twenty words) who/what the following are and why they were in news recently (any five) (10)**

1. Dantewada

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2. Mamata Banerjee

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3. Shoaib Malik

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4. Sunanda Pushkar

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5. Vishwanathan Anand

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6. 3G Spectrum

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7. Ujjwal Nikam

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8. Warren Anderson

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9. Shibu Soren

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**Q. 4 Match the following slogans with the entities they are associated with. Indicate the correct number-alphabet combination in the space provided below. If connecting lines are drawn Zero marks will be awarded to this question. (5)**

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| i) Sabse Tej                   | a) Kerala Tourism     |
| ii) Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan       | b) Indira Gandhi      |
| iii) India Shining             | c) India Tourism      |
| iv) God's Own Country          | d) Radio Mirchi       |
| v) Garibi Hatao                | e) Aaj Tak            |
| vi) Incredible India           | f) Amul               |
| vii) Journalism of Courage     | g) 1942               |
| viii) It's Hot                 | h) BJP                |
| ix) Utterly Butterly Delicious | i) Indian Express     |
| x) Quit India                  | j) Lalbahadur Shastri |

i) -----, ii) -----, iii) -----, iv) -----, v) -----, vi) -----, vii) -----, viii) -----, ix) -----, x) -----

**Q. 5 Expand any five of the following abbreviations**

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1. AICTE

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2. MCI

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3. MBA

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4. FIFA

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5. RBI

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6. http

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7. ATS

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8. MCOCA

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**Q. 6 Explain any five of the following terms in one sentence only**

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1. Rain Water Harvesting

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2. VAT

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3. Social Networking Sites

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4. Sarwa Shiksha Abhiyan

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5. Stem Cell

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6. Phone-in (programme)

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7. Best five

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8. FSI

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**Section II (Marks 50)**

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\* Special attention should be paid to adherence to word limit indicated in each question.

\* Attention should also be paid to accuracy of grammar and spellings.

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**Q. 1 Write an essay of about 500 words on any one of the following topics. (20)**

- i) Internal Security Threats before the Country
- ii) FIFA World Cup- Kicking off development in Africa
- iii) Is it too late to save the Environment?
- iv) Educational Reforms from KG to PG
- v) Justice Delayed is Justice Denied!!
- vi) Maharashtra at 50

**Q. 2 Write short notes of about 100 words on any four of the following topics. (20)**

- i) Khap Panchayat
- ii) Women's' Reservation Bill
- iii) Mini Big Bang
- iv) Census 2011
- v) Alcohol from food grain
- vi) Future of Indian regional languages
- vii) New Wave in Marathi Films
- viii) Demand for Separate Vidarbha

**Q. 3 Read the excerpts from an article by V. Venkatesan published in Frontline dated January 16-29, 2010 and answer the questions given below. (10)**

---- The term “trial by media” is not easy to define. It is a misnomer insofar as the media does not conduct a trial akin to the one conducted by courts. However, disproportionate publicity about a crime in the media may result in innocents being condemned, or the guilty not getting a fair trial or getting a higher sentence than what they perhaps deserved.

It is pointed out that if the media carry reports prejudicial to a person who has been arrested, it affects the right of that person to a fair trial.

There is genuine concern that any prejudicial publication or broadcast in the media about a person after his or her arrest may cause substantial prejudice in the criminal proceedings that must be taken to be imminent, irrespective of whether the person is released later.

The Law Commission’s 200th Report (2006) on Trial by Media points out that in several countries, including the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, any publication made in the print or broadcast on the electronic media after a person’s arrest, stating that the person arrested has previous convictions or that he has confessed to the crime during investigation or

that he is indeed guilty, and the publication of his photograph are treated as prejudicial and as violative of due process required for a suspect who has to face a criminal trial.

The Law Commission observed: “If media exercises an unrestricted or rather unregulated freedom in publishing information about a criminal case and prejudices the mind of the public and those who are to adjudicate on the guilt of the accused and if it projects a suspect or an accused as if he has already been adjudged guilty well before the trial in court, there can be serious prejudice to the accused. In fact, even if ultimately the person is acquitted after the due process in courts, such an acquittal may not help the accused to rebuild his lost image in society.”

The Law Commission’s concerns are understandable, but the process of India’s criminal justice system is lengthy and its many flaws favour the accused rather than the victim. Therefore, there is a need to balance the rights of the accused to a fair trial with the rights of the media and the public to expose these flaws.

There is, however, one aspect on which the media has erred substantially while covering the Rathore case. They have, with a few exceptions, ignored Norm 14 of the Press Council of India’s guidelines, which says: While reporting crimes involving sexual offences and questions related to a woman’s privacy, the identity of the victim should not be disclosed.

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**Answer the following questions.**

(Q. 1 is compulsory. Answer **any four** from Q. 2 to 6 in not more than 40 words.)

1. Suggest two suitable titles for the passage.
2. How would you explain the term 'trial by media'?
3. Name and briefly explain at least one past criminal case which was reopened because of extensive media coverage.
4. Do you think media coverage denies a fair trial to the accused?
5. How, according to you, can balance be maintained between rights of the accused and rights of the media and public?
6. How do you interpret the last paragraph of the article?

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