SUB-EDITING

Monday 8th September 2025

Examination Duration

- 3 hours

Important Notes

- Pay attention to any words in **bold**.
- Mark allocations are indicated in brackets **[ ]** after each question.

Answer Booklets

- Ensure each answer in your answer booklet is **clearly labelled** with the question number as it appears on the exam paper.
- Use bullet points when making lists in your answers do **not** use additional numbers or letters.
- Start every question on a **new page** in your answer booklet.
- Rewriting the question as it appears on the exam paper in your answer booklet is **not** required.

Permitted Materials

- Notes or textbooks are **not allowed.**
- Non-programmable calculators **are allowed.**

Advice

- Read each question carefully before writing your answers.
- Use the full 3 hours and review all your answers thoroughly.

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING EIGHT QUESTIONS

1. Describe **five** sources of news that a newspaper uses to identify stories, using examples to support your description.

    [20 marks]

2. Describe **ten** editing tasks of a news sub-editor, using examples to support your description.

    [20 marks]

3. (a) Describe **seven** sources of pictures.

    [14 marks]

    (b) Discuss **three** factors that determine the pictures used by a picture editor.

    [6 marks]

4. Describe the direct and oblique approaches to headline writing including **two** examples of each to support your description.

    [20 marks]

5. (a) Describe the **two** general types of law which affect newspapers.

    [4 marks]

    (b) Describe the following areas of the law of which a publication must be aware:

    (i)   Contempt of court

    [8 marks]

    (ii) Privilege

    [8 marks]

6. (a) Explain what is meant by the term caption, using **two** examples to support your explanation.

    [8 marks]

    (b) Discuss **four** factors that must be considered when writing captions.

    [12 marks]

7. Explain **ten** reasons for a news story to be rejected, using examples to support your explanation.

    [20 marks]

8. Explain the importance of each of the following in headline writing including examples to support your explanation:

    (a) Location

    [5 marks]

    (b) Personal touch

    [5 marks]

    (c) Taste

    [5 marks]

    (d) Time

    [5 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS