

21/2 hours.

Marks: 75

- Note: (1) Question No.1 is compulsory.
(2) All questions carry equal marks
(3) Support your answer with suitable examples

**Q1. Read the report carefully and rearrange the facts as per inverted pyramid style.
Also give a suitable headline** 15

One of the most common causes of the fires has been defective electric circuits; 32,516 fires were caused due to this. The RTI reply also points that property damage due to fires was approximately Rs 89 crore in 10 years. Fire officials said that the value of property damage is calculated on an approximate basis.

In the past four months, two major blazes were reported at two prominent high-rises- Beaumonde in Prabhadevi and Crystal Towers in Parel. At Crystal, four persons died. The cause of both these blazes was electrical short-circuit.

Shakeel Ahmed, the founder of the NGO, who had filed the RTI query, said that with fires in the city increasing by the day, he wanted to know the data over the past decade.

In the last 10 years, fires in the city have claimed 614 lives, including those of five fire personnel, shows data obtained through a Right to Information (RTI) query. Also widespread are fires at high-rise residential and commercial buildings in the city with 1,568 incidents being reported in the past decade. Four officers died in a massive blaze at GokulNiwas in Kalbadevi in 2015.

"Fires have increased at high-rises over the past many months therefore its imperative that steps are taken to curtail the same. Last year, Mumbai witnessed a major blaze at Kamala Mills, which killed 14 people," Ahmed said

Chief fire officer PS Rahangdale said the data includes major as well as minor fires. "Besides anything above seven storeys is considered to be high-rise. Mumbai has lakhs of high -rises by that logic and we are taking steps to ensure that blazes can be avoided," Rahangdale said

According to data obtained by NGO Adhikar Foundation through an RTI query, the total number of fire calls received by the Mumbai Fire Brigade since 2008 have been 48,434, of which 18% (8,737) have been in residential premises, while 3,833 in commercial structures.

Q2A. Discuss how the principles of accuracy and objectivity are sometimes compromised in today's age of 24 X 7 'breaking' news, with examples 8

Q2B. "Civic beat is an important beat in a developing society like India." Explain 7

OR

Q2C. Differentiate the coverage of a Press Conference and a Public Meeting with the help of an example. 8

Q2D. Environment beat has assumed more importance in today's time". Justify 7

Q3A. Compare and contrast Investigative Journalism and Yellow Journalism with the help of examples. Briefly state the dos and donts in Investigative Reporting. 15

OR

Q3B. Social Media has become a new source from which reporters gather news. Explain the statement with the help of examples and discuss the pros and cons for the same. 15

Q4A. Discuss the media coverage of Anna Hazare's Anti-corruption Movement 8

Q4B. Discuss the significance of Citizen Journalism in today's time with the help of examples 7

OR

Q4C.State the ethical aspects that a journalist has to keep in mind while reporting. 8

Q4D. Discuss 2G Scam with special mention of the media coverage of the same 7

Q5. Write Short Notes (Any Three) 15

- A. Tehelka- West End Deal Sting
- B. Nira Radia Case
- C. Confidentiality of Sources
- D. Right to Information (RTI) Act as a tool for reporters
- E. Maharashtra Irrigation scam