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Term End Examination January -2026

Course	: BAJMC(Hons.)	Date	: 13/02/2026
Subject Code	: BAJMCMN-201	Time	: 11:30am to 01:45pm
Subject Name	: Specializations in Beat Reporting	Duration	: 02.15 Hours
		Max. Marks	: 70

Q –1 Define 'Beat Reporting'. Explain the qualities and responsibilities of a Beat Reporter. **14**

OR

Discuss Political Reporting as a specialized beat. What are the challenges in reporting from the Parliament?

Q -2 Explain the importance of Crime Reporting. Discuss the ethics to be followed while reporting sensitive crime news. **14**

OR

Describe the scope of Sports Reporting. What are the essential skills required for a sports journalist?

Q -3 What is Development Reporting? Discuss how media can play a role in rural development. **14**

OR

Discuss the nuances of Court Reporting. What precautions should a reporter take to avoid 'Contempt of Court'?

Q- 4 Write Short Notes (Any Two) **14**

1. Investigative Journalism
2. Entertainment and Lifestyle Reporting
3. Sources of News for a Beat Reporter
4. Education Reporting

Q-5 (Choose the correct option and write the answer.) **14**

- 1 Which beat covers the stock market and budget?
(A) Sports (B) Business (C) Crime (D) Culture
- 2 'Off the record' information means:
(A) Can be published with name (B) Cannot be published (C) For background only
(D) Both B & C
- 3 A reporter covering local police stations and FIRs is on which beat?
(A) Civic (B) Crime (C) Legal (D) Political
- 4 Reporting on new scientific discoveries falls under:
(A) Science Beat (B) Sports Beat (C) Fashion Beat (D) War Reporting
- 5 Who is the primary source for a Political Reporter?
(A) Police (B) Politicians/Ministers (C) Doctors (D) Players
- 6 Which medium is considered "Intrusive" in nature?
A) Newspaper (B) Magazine (C) Radio (D) Book
- 7 FM stands for:
(A) Frequency Modulation (B) Fast Media (C) Fixed Mode (D) Frequency Method
