

GORKHAPATRA CORPORATION
DHARMAPATH, KATHMANDU
 Journalism, level 6 (English)

Curriculum and examination system for reporters under open competitions

First paper

Full marks: 100

Schedule 1

First phase - Written Examination Scheme						
Paper/ Subject		Full marks	Pass mark	Examination scheme	No. of questions x marks	Time
First	a. General knowledge and current topics	50	20	Objective: Multiple Choice Questions	50 questions x 1	45 min.
	b. Practical exercise	50	20		Subjective	5 questions x 10
Second	Service-related	100	40	Subjective	4 long questions x 15 8 short questions x 5	3 hours

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Note:

- 1. The questions in the exams must be answered in English.**
- 2. For every wrong answer to a multiple choice question, 20 percent of the marks will be deducted.
But no mark is given or deducted for not answering a question.**
- 3. Electronic devices are not to be used in the examination hall.**
- 4. As far as practicable, the number of questions and mark weightage will be as per the subject curriculum.**
- 5. Regardless of what has been written in the curriculum, any amendment of a law, rule or policy mentioned in the curriculum within three months of the date of the examination date will be deemed included in the curriculum.**

6. The previous curriculum of the above mentioned service group has been dissolved.

7. The curriculum goes into effect from:

First paper: - General knowledge and current topics

Marks: 50

Part 1: Geography and Population

1. World geography – continents, oceans, poles, longitude, latitude, international dateline, time, distance, desert, earthquake, volcano, climatic conditions, westerly winds, monsoon, etc.

2. Nepal's topography, geography and population – geographic diversity and lifestyle, types of climates found in Nepal, population and its distribution

Part 2: History, Culture and Social Systems

1. General information about world history

2. Nepal's history

3. History of Nepali state and its builders

4. Knowledge about Nepal's cultural heritage

5. Nepal's social and cultural relations with India and China

6. National luminaries and religious personalities

7. Diversity of Nepali society and its characteristics

8. Social, economic, cultural, religious lifestyles, language, literature, art and music of various castes, ethnic groups and communities in Nepal

Part 3: Politics, Law, Administration

1. Major international thinkers

2. Nepal's political and administrative development process

3. Nepal's constitutional development and Constituent Assembly

4. Structures of Executive, Legislative and Judiciary in the new Constitution

5. Independent judiciary and citizens' rights

6. Development of civil service in Nepal; its prospects and challenges

9. Administrative professionalism, inclusiveness and its importance

10. Good governance and role of political and administrative sectors

11. Civil society and its role in political and social development process

Part 4: Nepal's Economy and Development

1. Major characteristics of Nepal's economy

2. Condition of rural economy; prospects and challenges

3. Economic growth, income, production and employment

4. Nepal's budget process, situation of revenue collection and development challenges

6. Remittance and its impact on Nepal's economy

7. Brief information about monetary policy

8. Condition of import and export, trade deficit/profit and impact on economy

9. Role of foreign aid in Nepal's economic development; prospects and challenges

10. Planned development efforts in Nepal
11. Factors behind Nepal's underdevelopment, process of graduating to the status of developing country
12. Role of private sector in economic development and the concept of privatisation
13. Globalisation and Nepal
14. Concept of free trade and its impact on national and regional development
15. Nepal and WTO, SAFTA, BIMSTEC

Part 5: Science, Environment and Health

1. Some important scientists, scientific achievements, and their contribution to human society
2. Concept of biodiversity, and role of national parks and conservation areas in the conservation of biodiversity
3. Condition of public health, problems and policy-level reforms for its improvement
4. Development of communication and information technology

Part 6: International Relations and Organisations

1. Nepal's participation in international forums
2. Major foundations of Nepal's foreign policy
3. General introduction to major regional and international organisations (SAARC, BIMSTEC, ASEAN, EU)
4. United Nations and its major agencies
5. Non-Alignment Movement and Nepal
6. Nepal's contribution to UN peacekeeping
7. Human rights in Nepal

Part 7: Journalism

1. Mass communication, journalism, press freedom, information technology, news agencies in the national and international context
2. Right to information
3. Current events on important national and international political, social, economic, scientific, cultural, sports, books, prizes, art, culture and music, and knowledge about the latest happenings and important personalities and thinkers.

While framing questions, the following units and weightage are to be considered

Unit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total		
Weightage	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	50		

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First paper, Part II: Practical exercise

Full marks: 50
Pass marks: 20
Time: 3 hours

Long questions

5x10 = 50

Subject-related

1. News writing on a topical issue
2. Feature writing
3. News editing
4. Translation from Nepali to English
5. Preparing questions for an interview
6. Summary writing
7. Finding angles to a story
8. Writing captions

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(Second paper: service-related)

Long questions: 4x15= 60

Full marks: 100

Short questions: 8x5= 40

Pass mark: 40

Time: 3 hours

Part 1: Mass Communication and Journalism

1. Meaning and functions of communication and mass communication
2. Importance and scope of mass communication
3. Development process of mass communication
4. Information and its importance
5. Definition of journalism, objectives and functions
6. Principles of journalism
7. Development process of journalism in the world
8. Development of printing art in the world and its impact on journalism
9. Development and expansion of printing sector in Nepal
10. History of printing press and journalism in Nepal
11. Publications of Gorkhapatra Corporation
12. Roles of news agencies in the development of journalism
13. Journalism education in Nepal
14. Present situation of journalism in Nepal; its prospects and challenges

Part 2: News Collection and Editing

1. Meaning and definition of news
2. Sources of news and news value
3. Structure of news and art of dissemination
4. Investigative journalism, development journalism, follow-up stories and new concepts of journalism
5. Role of reporters in news collection and transmission
6. Qualities of a good reporter
7. Techniques of conducting interviews and presentation
8. Meaning and definition of news editing
9. Page coordination, art and layout designing
10. Structure of editorial, its importance and impact

11. News analysis, editorial, features, column, Opinion Page coordination and supplements
12. Editor and editorial freedom
13. Role of language, grammar, writing style and technology for standardising journalism, and problems and solutions
14. Creative ways and techniques to be adopted for making newspaper attractive, standard, responsible, inclusive and competitive

Part 3: Photojournalism and New media

1. Evolution of photojournalism
2. Importance of photographs for a newspaper
3. Selection and editing of photographs and art of layout designing
4. Knowledge about selection and use of photo, map and illustrator for making newspaper more attractive
5. Photo caption writing for a newspaper
6. Definition of online journalism and its importance
7. Relations between print and online media
8. Prospects and challenges of online journalism

Part 4: Journalism and Laws

1. Meaning, definition and importance of press laws
2. Press laws as outlined by Nepal's Constitution
3. Latest Mass Communications Policy of Nepal
4. Role of press laws in news transmission
5. Role of Press Council Nepal and journalists' code of conduct
6. Legal provisions on libel, defamation and contempt
7. Four Press Theories
8. Press freedom and its limitations
9. Gorkhapatra Corporation Act and Working Journalist Act
10. Role of state-owned media and their future challenges
11. Right to Information Act
12. Right to secrecy and right to information: Scope and limitations

Guidelines for question setter (for long questions, second paper, practical exercise):

- 1. News clues or the press release should not exceed 150 words.**
- 2. Provide a few statements or points to produce a news feature in not more than 300 words.**
- 3. Provide a news story of 150-200 words for editing.**
- 4. Provide a text of 100-150 words for translation.**
- 5. Provide a case of about 50-70 words to prepare an interview.**
- 6. Provide a paragraph of about 250-300 words for summarisation.**
- 7. Provide a text of about 150-200 words for the examinee to note down different angles of the story.**
- 8. Provide a photo to write the caption.**

