

GORKHAPATRA CORPORATION

DHARMAPATH, KATHMANDU

Journalism, level 5 (English)

Curriculum and examination scheme for assistant reporters under open competition

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	I. General knowledge and current topics	50	20	Objective: Multiple Choice Questions	50 questions x 1	45 min.
	II. Practical knowledge	50	20	Subjective	5 questions x 10	2 hours
Second	Service-related	100	40	Subjective	4 long questions x 15 8 short questions x 5	3 hours

Note:

- 1. The questions in the examination 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 will be effective from:

First paper, Pat I: - General knowledge and current topics

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| 1. | General knowledge and current topics | Marks: 50 |
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- 1.1 World geography – continents, oceans, poles, longitude, latitude, international dateline, time, distance, desert, earthquake, volcano, climate, westerly winds, monsoon, etc.
 - 1.2 Nepal's geography and population, topography and significance
 - 1.2.1 Types of topography, specifications
 - 1.2.2 Geographic diversity and Lifestyle
 - 1.2.3 Types of climates found in Nepal and their significance
 - 1.2.4 Nepal's population, habitat and migration.
 - 1.3 World history – Industrial revolution, French Revolution, Independence Movement in America, Russian October Revolution, First and Second World Wars and India's Freedom Struggle, China's Socialist Revolution
 - 1.4 Nepal's history (From ancient times to the present)
 - 1.4.1 Kirati period, Lichchavi period and Middle ages, social, economic and political situation
 - 1.4.2 Modern history, chronology of political events, reasons and results
 - 1.4.3 History of Nepali state and its builders
 - 1.5 Nepal's social and cultural status
 - 1.5.1 System, tradition, values, religion, ethnicity, language, culture, art, literature, music, etc.
 - 1.5.2 Types of cultural heritage, significance, importance
 - 1.6 Nepal's economy: infrastructure of development (agriculture, industry, trade, tourism, transport, communication, education, health, power, etc.) and development plans.

- 1.6.1 Nepal's tourism industry and its feasibility and challenges
- 1.6.2 Foreign employment and problems it poses
- 1.6.3 Nepal's budget-making process
- 1.6.4 Role of privatisation in Nepal's development
- 1.6.5 Globalisation and Nepal
- 1.7 International relations and organisations
 - 1.7.1 Relations with Nepal's neighbours India and China
 - 1.7.2 United Nations: body, specialised agencies and activities
 - 1.7.3 Regional organisations: SAARC, BIMSTEC, ASEAN, European Union
 - 1.7.4 Nepal's role in UN peacekeeping
 - 1.7.5 Nepal's foreign policy and Nepal's participation in international fora
 - 1.7.6 Nepal's constitution
 - 1.7.7 Human rights in Nepal
- 1.8 Journalism
 - 1.8.1 Mass communication, journalism, press freedom, information technology, news agencies in the national and international context
 - 1.8.2 Right to information
- 1.9 Important current (national and international) political, social, economic, scientific and cultural events, and happenings in the field of sports, books, prizes, art, culture and music; and knowledge about important personalities and thinkers.

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

Unit	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	Total
Weightage	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	6	50

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First Paper,Part II: - Practical exercise

Full marks: 50

Pass mark: 20

Time: 2 hours

Long questions 5x10 = 50

Subject-related

1. News writing on a topical issue
2. News 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 I - Mass communication and Journalism

1. Communication and Mass communication - Concepts and functions
2. Importance of mass communications and types
3. Global development of mass communication
4. Information and its significance
5. Definition of journalism, objectives and functions
6. Principles of journalism
7. Global development of journalism
8. Development and expansion of printing in Nepal
9. Development of journalism and printing in Nepal
10. Recent trend of journalism in Nepal

Part II - News gathering and editing

1. Definition of news
2. Sources of news
3. Structure of news and its presentation
4. Specialised writing; development reporting, and best practices in journalism; investigative reporting
5. Role of reporter in news gathering and presentation
6. Qualities of a journalist
7. Art of interviewing
8. Definition of news editing
9. Handling the OP-ed page (news analysis, editorial, features, column, opinion) and supplements
10. Language, grammar, style and technique in journalism, problems associated with them and their solution
11. Media ownership in Nepal

Part III - Photo Journalism and New media

1. Development of photo journalism
2. Importance of photos in newspapers
3. Editing and layout of photos in a newspaper
4. Writing captions
5. Introduction to online journalism
6. Use of Social media

Part IV - Press laws and code of conduct

1. Definition and importance of press laws
2. Press laws as outlined by the Constitution of Nepal
3. Nepal's communications policy
4. Libel and its defense
5. Press and Publication Act of Nepal
6. Gorkhapatra Corporation Act
7. Working Journalists Act
8. Right to secrecy and right to information

Direction to 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 interview questions.**
- 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.**