

**M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication (MAJMC) /
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And
Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism Mass Communication (PGJMC) /
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ASSIGNMENTS
January 2026 and July 2026 Sessions

MJM-020/120

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MJM-025



**SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM & NEW MEDIA STUDIES
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Dear Learner,

As explained in the Programme Guide, you need to submit one assignment in each of the eight courses. Before attempting the assignments, please read the detailed instructions provided in the Programme Guide carefully.

The last date of the submission is given against each of the assignment. Please note that you have to submit these assignments to the **Coordinator of your Study Centre** within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination.

You must mention your **Enrolment Number, Name, Address, Assignment Code and Study Centre Code** on the first page of the Assignment. You must obtain a **receipt from the Study Centre** for the assignments submitted and retain it. It would be advisable to retain a photocopy of the assignments with you.

After evaluation, the assignments have to be returned to you by the Study Centre. Please insist on this and **keep a record with you**. The marks obtained by you will be sent by the Centre to SED at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Guidelines for doing Assignments

Attempt all questions given in each of the assignment as instructed. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

Planning: First read the study material carefully, attend teleconferencing sessions and interactive radio counseling sessions conducted for the programme; if required you can obtain details from Study Centre/Regional Centre) and then read the assignments carefully. Go through the units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.

Organization: Draw a rough outline of your answer. Be analytical in your selection of the information for your answer. Give adequate attention to the introduction and the conclusion. Make sure that the answer:

- is logical and coherent;
- has a proper flow of information in sentences and paragraphs; and
- is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.

Presentation: Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission, writing each answer neatly.

With best wishes,

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MJM 025: MEDIA ETHICS AND LAWS

Assignment 06

(Due Date: Please check the website for the latest update on due date)

Assignment Code: MJM-025
January 2026 / July 2026

Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage: 30%

Note: Answer all the questions. All questions carry equal marks = 20 each
Attempt each question in about 500 words

1. News Media and Ethical Concerns

Analyze how the Indian news media handles issues of privacy versus public interest. Provide examples from recent events to discuss whether ethical boundaries were crossed.

2. New Media and Ethical Issues

Social media platforms are often accused of spreading fake news. Study an instance of misinformation that went viral in India and discuss the ethical implications for both users and platform providers. How could this have been prevented?

3. Media Laws and Regulatory Framework

Examine the role of the Press Council of India (PCI) in regulating print media. Do you think its current powers are sufficient to enforce ethical practices? Provide recommendations for improvement.

4. Right to Information Act

Discuss the role of the Right to Information (RTI) Act in ensuring transparency and accountability in Indian governance. Use examples of successful RTI cases to highlight its importance for journalists.

5. Advertising Ethics and Laws

Select an Indian advertisement that was banned or received public backlash for being unethical or misleading. Analyze why it was considered unethical and discuss how such issues can be avoided.