

M.A. in Journalism & Mass Communication

Special Supplementary Examination 2024

Print Media - Practical

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Answer any two:

20X2 = 40

1. Edit and re-write the following story within 200 words.

This Teacher's Day was not like any other for the teachers at an International School in Kolkata. This coeducational school in the southern fringes of the city saw a novel celebration this year. The teachers of the school took a pledge on Teachers' Day to "actively promote gender equality" and empower students to "respect and assert" equal rights for all. The pledge by 350 teachers at the school is significant in the wake of growing unrest regarding gender issues throughout the world.

"There has to be mutual respect for one another and peaceful coexistence instead of seeing men as more powerful than women," said the principal, of the International School. The teachers pledged: "...we will actively promote gender equality and empower our students to respect and assert the same. We promise to guide our students to embrace and uphold the core values of humanity."

"We, the teachers of this school solemnly pledge to treat all our students with respect, fairness and equality. We will not discriminate against any student based on their gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, identity, religion, disability, socioeconomic status or any other diversity. We will strive to create a safe and inclusive learning environment where all our students feel valued and supported," the teachers pledged on September 5.

The discrimination can be subtle or direct, at home or outside. Psychologists and counsellors have spoken time and again about the need to raise boys and girls equally, where they do not perpetuate patriarchal stereotypes. According to a psychologist, people's mindset needs to change. Those who see men as elevated beings and women as inferior or weaker to them need to change, she said. The principal said

their school encourages girls and boys equally to participate in dance or sports to counter discrimination. “We have the same shirt and trousers as the uniform for our students. If we call it uniform, it should be that way. We also advise our teachers to treat them as students, not as girls or boys. The pledge was to rise against any form of discrimination. The belief in equality has to come from the core, instead of wearing it as a show.” she said.

2. Write a post-editorial on any one of the following topics:

- i) India’s stellar performance in Paralympics 2024
- ii) Addressing the Mental Health Epidemic Among Indian Youth
- iii) Kolkata street food: Balancing tradition and hygiene

3. Compose Headline for the following stories (6-8 words)

- i) Port Blair, the capital city of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, has been renamed Sri Vijaya Puram, Union Home Ministry announced on Friday. They said the decision was taken to free the nation from colonial imprints as the Andaman and Nicobar Islands had an "unparalleled place" in the country's freedom struggle and history.
- ii) Fish importers of Bengal have written to the advisor to the Bangladesh government, with an appeal to reconsider the decision to stop export of hilsa to Bengal before Durga Puja. The letter requests Bangladesh govt “to please allow export of Hilsa fish for Durga Puja” with a reminder that the Fish Importers’ Association has been bringing hilsa from Bangladesh since 1996.
- iii) A pair of hippos and five hog deer are among the 13 animals which have been inducted into the family of animals at the Alipore Zoological Gardens recently, Zoo Director Subhankar Sengupta said Tuesday. The 13

animals which were brought from the Nandankanan Zoo in Odisha also include a pair each of swamp deer and four-horned antelopes.

- iv) Calcutta Metro has started installing solar plants at different stations as part of its efforts to generate power from renewable sources, officials said on Tuesday. In the Blue Line, solar plants with a capacity of 763 kwp were installed at Noapara, Dum Dum, Mahanayak Uttam Kumar and Kavi Subhash stations, besides the Belgachia tunnel ramp, they said.
 - v) India on Friday successfully test-fired the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VLSRSAM) for the second consecutive day from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur on the Odisha coast, defence sources said. A statement from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) confirmed that both tests on September 12 and 13 were successful. The missile showcased its precision and capability to neutralise targets, the statement said.
4. Write a series of 10 questions for an interview with your favourite filmmaker on his recent creation and substantiate the order of the questions.