

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS – SAMPLE SET FOR JUNE 1, 2020

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May 19, 2020: The Supreme Court quashed all but one first information report filed against Arnab Goswami in connection with statements made during a news broadcast, implying investigation will continue, even as it extended protection to the editor-in-chief of Republic TV from any coercive action for another three weeks.

While the right of a journalist to exercise his freedom of speech and expression cannot be exempted from being made answerable to the legal regime, the law cannot be used to stifle the right of the press through multiple complaints, according to the judgment.

"Subjecting an individual to numerous proceedings arising in different jurisdictions on the basis of the same cause of action cannot be accepted as the least restrictive and effective method of achieving the legitimate state aim in prosecuting crime," the judgment authored by Justice DY Chandrachud read.

As many as 14 FIRS were registered against Goswami in various states, including Chattisgarh, Karnataka and West Bengal, in connection to a show on the [1] lynching case anchored by Republic TV on April 21.

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1.1 What is the name of the place that has been replaced with '[1]' in the passage above?

- (a) Khunti
- (b) Palghar
- (c) Unnao
- (d) Godhra

1.2 Under what Article of the *Constitution of India* is the right to freedom of speech and expression guaranteed?

- (a) Article 12
- (b) Article 14
- (c) Article 19
- (d) Article 21

1.3 On May 26, 2020 the Maharashtra Home Minister announced that a fresh probe would be conducted by the Criminal Investigation Department (the "CID") against Arnab Goswami in connection with the death by suicide of:

- (a) Anvay Naik
- (b) Preksha Mehta
- (c) Manmeet Grewal
- (d) Joy Arakkal

1.4 What is the name of the statutory body that acts as the self-regulation organisation governing the Indian press?

- (a) The Writer's Association of India
- (b) The Journalists' Association

- (c) The Press Club of India
- (d) The Press Council of India

1.5 Who is the current Chairman of the body mentioned in the previous question?

- (a) Justice Chandramauli Kumar Prasad
- (b) Justice Markandey Katju
- (c) Justice DY Chandrachud
- (d) Justice BN Srikrishna

1.6 This book, authored by journalist Josy Joseph and released in 2016, examines modern Indian democracy, corruption, and the connections between business and politics in India. The book was also named the best non-fiction book of 2017 by the jury of the Crossword Book Award. What is the name of this book?

- (a) Everybody loves a Good Drought
- (b) A Feast for Crows
- (c) A Great Clamour
- (d) A Feast of Vultures

1.7 What is India's ranking in the annual 'World Press Freedom Index' released in late April 2020 by the body 'Reporters Without Borders'?

- (a) 13<sup>th</sup>
- (b) 142<sup>nd</sup>
- (c) 56<sup>th</sup>
- (d) 33<sup>rd</sup>

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