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180 MINUTES

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**PART A (10 minutes)**

**Q1.** State whether the following statements are true or false. **5**

- A. The name of the writer printed at the top of a story is called cutline.
- B. The Centre amended IT Rules which would require social media platforms to remove content deemed false by the Press Information Bureau.
- C. When we continue a story from one page to another, it is called teaser.
- D. The line at the beginning of a story giving the place and date of the reported incident is called credit line.
- E. India's West Bengal state has banned a new film The Kerala Story, saying it has the potential to incite violence.
- F. The Centre recently told the Supreme Court, transgenders, gay people, and female sex workers can't donate blood.
- G. Media literacy is a critical thinking skill that only help us to identify fake news.
- H. A news agency is an organization that gathers news reports and sells them to subscribing news organizations.
- I. Pakistan appoints former New Zealand all-rounder Grant Bradburn as men's team head coach.
- J. Kiren Rijiju Replaced by Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal as Law Minister.

## PART B

Q2. Identify the following heads from the give news story and describe them. (50 words each part) 6

a. Type of news b. News lead c. News Structure d. Attribution e. Quotation f. Jump

### Regulator lied on Adani probe, says MP Moitra

# 'Perjury' finger at Sebi

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Calcutta: Trinamul Congress MP Mahua Moitra, who has been spearheading the attack on the Adani group since long before US short-seller Hindenburg Research accused it of stock market manipulation and accounting fraud, said on Tuesday that market regulator Sebi's affidavit to the Supreme Court was a clear case of "perjury".

"It is absolutely unbelievable that India's premier market regulator is so complicit with the Adani group that it lies to parliamentarians in writing saying it is investigating (the Adani group). Its bosses at FinMin (the finance ministry) lie in Parliament saying Sebi is investigating," Moitra told **The Telegraph**.

Moitra told this newspaper that Sebi had informed her that it would be investigating issues relating to the Adani group.

"And then Sebi files an affidavit in SC saying it is not investigating. This is perjury," added the Trinamul MP, who has been stinging in her attacks on the Adani group.



Mahua Moitra. (File picture)

In its counter-affidavit to the Supreme Court — filed by a 22-year-old assistant manager posted in its Delhi office — on Monday, Sebi sought six more months to complete the court-ordered probe, passed in an order on March 2, 2023, in connection with the slew of allegations against the business conglomerate, levelled by Hindenburg in January this year.

The market regulator said the claims that it had been investigating the Adani group since 2016 were "factually baseless".

Moitra, who had worked in Wall Street before stepping into politics, had raised specific questions regarding foreign portfolio investors in the Adani group in July 2021.

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**Q 3. Write short notes on the following topics. (50 words each)**

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- a. Sources of News Gathering and News Feature
- b. News Literacy and Masthead

**Q 4. Rewrite the given news story using Wall Street Journal Formula. (200 words)**

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Operation Smiling Buddha, or Pokhran-I, was conducted at Rajasthan's Pokhran test site on May 18, 1974, establishing India as a nuclear power. A nuclear device was detonated, with a yield of 12-13 kiloton of TNT. "The Buddha has finally smiled," Raja Ramanna, the then director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), had conveyed to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi after the test's success.

The political context: Under the prime ministership of Indira Gandhi, India became the sixth country in the world to conduct a nuclear test, and the first nation outside of the United Nations Security Council's permanent members to do so. The test came at a time when the economy was in bad shape and discontent against Gandhi's government was growing, and helped fortify her strength.

The global fallout: There was near-universal condemnation of India's nuclear advancement, with Canada imposing significant sanctions on India. The Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), a multi-nation export control body, was formed in reaction to India's first nuke test.

What came next: After the 1974 tests, India conducted five tests – Pokhran-II – three on May 11 and two on May 13, 1998. The tests attracted the UN's ire and American sanctions, amongst other international penalties.

49 years on, May 18 is celebrated as the anniversary of India's ascension as a nuclear leader, while the anniversary of the Pokhran-II tests is celebrated as National Technology Day. Several Congress leaders marked the anniversary on Thursday, with party chief Mallikarjun Kharge hailing it as an example of "immense political courage." Operation Smiling Buddha was touted as a "peaceful nuclear explosion" with "few military implications," possibly in an attempt to allay the uneasiness of the international community.

**Q5.** Assume you have been assigned to interview the MLA of your town on its accomplishments till date and goals for the future of the town. First you will need to decide the central reason why you want the interview. It could be that there is some issue facing the town currently that you will want to build your story around. Finally formulate the list of questions that you will want to ask the MLA during the interview. In the plan to have an interview with him, you cover the following:

a) **Pre-interview preparation** for the interview **(50 words)** **2**

b) Write down **10 questions** in the same appropriate order you would like to ask the questions. **4**

**Q6.** How news anchoring is different from news reading. Enlist and explain the salient characteristics of news anchoring. **(75 words)** **3**

**Q7.** Explain the Libel and Slander as the legal subcategories of defamation. **(50 words)** **2**