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Executive Summary

This internship report documents my three-month-long experience as an intern in the reporting section of *New Age*, a prominent English daily in Bangladesh. The report is divided into seven chapters, each of which offers an account of different aspects of my internship experience.

The first chapter explores why journalism is an attractive career option for English media major students, and provides a brief history of *New Age*. The second chapter, which is the most important in this report, is my experiences as a staff correspondent.

Chapter three discusses the academic courses and theories that I found relevant to my internship experience. In chapter four, explains the benefits of journalism, including opportunities to develop writing skills, understand and analyze information, and build a network. It also highlights the importance of knowledge of the English language.

Chapters five and six discuss journalism as a lucrative career, the potential job opportunities available, and the challenges of journalism are addressed, including the stress and unpredictable working conditions.

The report concludes by reiterating journalism as a viable option for English major students and providing suggestions on the preparation needed for students considering journalism as a career.

Overall, this report offers valuable insights into the world of journalism and provides helpful information for students considering this profession.

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Chapter One: Introduction

Journalism is a dynamic, ever-evolving field of study that is both rewarding and challenging. It is one of the most popular and sought-after career paths for English media major students, offering them the opportunity to report on news and events, uncover stories, and engage with the public. This paper will explore the reasons why journalism is an attractive career option for English media major students, and discuss the skills and qualifications necessary for success in this field.

Journalism is a field that requires a combination of knowledge, creativity and hard work. It requires a deep understanding of the media and its various formats, an ability to think quickly and accurately, and the ability to write compelling stories. It also requires an understanding of the legal and ethical issues involved in journalism and media. English media majors are well-suited for a career in journalism, as they have a strong background in the English language, as well as an understanding of the nuances of media and its various formats.

English media majors also have the ability to analyze and synthesize information, an important skill when writing stories and reports. Additionally, they have good research skills, which are necessary for uncovering stories and finding reliable sources. Furthermore, they possess the skills to communicate effectively and persuasively, making them well-suited for a career in journalism.

In addition to the necessary skills and qualifications, English media majors also have the potential for a long and rewarding career in journalism. The field allows them to bring their knowledge of the media and the English language to bear on a variety of topics, from local news to global issues. The ever-evolving nature of the field means that there is always something new to learn and explore, giving English media majors the opportunity to stay up to date on the latest news and trends.

Furthermore, journalism is an attractive career option for English media major students. It requires a combination of knowledge, creativity, and hard work, as well as the ability to think quickly and accurately. English media majors possess the skills necessary to excel in this field, and have the potential for a long and rewarding career.

Journalism and an English Media Major

The field of Journalism has been an attractive career prospect for many English media major students in recent years. Journalism is a dynamic and ever-changing industry that offers a variety of opportunities to those interested in pursuing a career in the field. With the rise of digital media, the landscape of journalism has changed drastically over the past decade, providing English media major students with an array of opportunities to pursue in the field.

Journalism provides an excellent opportunity to utilize the skills learned in a major in English media. English media majors are familiar with writing, researching, and storytelling, all of which are key components of journalism. English media majors also gain an understanding of the power of media, which is essential in the field of journalism. Students who major in English media learn to communicate effectively and think critically, both of which are essential for success in the journalism industry.

Furthermore, the journalism industry is constantly evolving and provides a wide range of opportunities for English media major students. Journalism is no longer restricted to traditional print and broadcast media outlets. With the rise of digital media, students can choose to pursue careers in blogging, podcasting, and social media, all of which are excellent options for English media major students. Additionally, the growth of digital media has opened up new opportunities in the field of data journalism, which requires strong analytical and technical skills.

In addition to the variety of opportunities available in the field of journalism, there are many benefits to pursuing a career in the industry. Journalists have the unique opportunity to explore and report on a variety of topics, from politics to culture to science. Additionally, journalists have the ability to influence public opinion and shape the narrative of current events. Additionally, as a journalist, one will have the chance to travel and meet new people, experience different cultures, and learn about the world.

Overall, journalism is an excellent career prospect for English media major students. Journalism provides an opportunity to use the skills and knowledge learned in a major in English media while also offering the potential to explore a variety of topics and make an impact on the world. With the rise of digital media, the field of journalism offers a wide range of opportunities to those interested in pursuing a career in the industry.

A brief history of *New Age*

The *New Age* daily newspaper was established in 2002, as a medium of media to provide the people of Bangladesh with access to news and current affairs. The newspaper has become one of the largest and most well-respected news outlets in the country, with a circulation of more than half a million readers. The newspaper is also widely read abroad, with a presence in many countries across the world.

The newspaper has had a long and successful history. In its early years, it was a pioneer in the use of modern technology to bring news and current affairs to the public. The newspaper has also been a leader in the development of digital media, and in the use of new technologies to reach more readers.

The *New Age* daily newspaper has also been a source of great pride for the people of Bangladesh. It has provided a unique voice to the country, and has been a source of news and opinion that has resonated with audiences both in Bangladesh and abroad. The newspaper has also been a platform to showcase Bangladesh's culture and identity to the world.

In addition to its success as a respected newspaper, the *New Age* daily newspaper has also been a strong advocate for the cause of journalism and media in Bangladesh. The newspaper has provided both a platform and a voice to journalists and media professionals in Bangladesh, and has been a strong supporter of media freedom and independent journalism in the country. It has also been a source of inspiration and guidance for aspiring journalists, providing a platform for their work and giving them access to a larger and more diverse audience.

Therefore, in conclusion, journalism has proven to be a great career prospect for English media major students. The *New Age* daily newspaper has demonstrated a long and successful history of providing quality news and opinion, and has been a source of inspiration and guidance for aspiring journalists. It has also been a strong advocate for the cause of journalism and media in Bangladesh, and has provided a platform and a voice to journalists and media professionals in the country.

Chapter 2: My experiences as a staff correspondent

New Age, a prominent newspaper in Bangladesh, was established on June 7, 2003 with the objective of presenting news in a neutral manner. It is published by Media *New Age* Ltd., with ASM Shahidullah Khan serving as the Chairman of the Editorial Board. The Editor of the newspaper is Nurul Kabir, and it consists of twelve pages that are written by approximately two hundred journalists. The number of pages may vary depending on the circumstances and events. Furthermore, *New Age* has an online version that can be accessed easily through their website (<http://www.newagebd.net/>). The online news is posted after 12:00 am, and readers are free to share their opinions in the online section. The name "*New Age*" signifies the creation of a new era characterized by unity and enlightenment, which already exists. The newspaper is known as "The Outspoken Daily," and it features different sections, including national, international, politics, business, entertainment, and editorial.

Daily tasks

During my initial day of employment, I was required to personally visit the office to receive my offer letter. Additionally, the office provided an overview of its policies and culture, which helped me feel at ease. I was also added to the reporting team. On my first day of work, a senior colleague guided me through my responsibilities, including the proper use of official pages and websites, as well as the appropriate formats and procedures for working in the reporting department. I was assigned a desk and computer to work on my reports. Throughout my first week, my colleagues instructed me on how to collect and organize information for publication and encouraged me to seek help whenever needed. They made me feel valued as a team member and never treated me as a novice.

I started working as a staff correspondent at *New Age* on October 1st, 2022. Typically, the sub-editor is responsible for editing news articles, but since I wanted to learn, I was given the opportunity to both write and edit reports. Beside that I had the opportunity to go on few events to cover .My internship lasted for three months and I was required to work six days a week, starting from 2 pm. The office hours were quite flexible for interns, and we were allowed to leave once we finished our assigned tasks.

Working environment

Creating a productive work environment is crucial for achieving effective work. The *New Age* company has a modern and accepting approach towards young interns, which encourages them to learn and enjoy their work. During my time working in the reporters' section at *New Age*, I had the opportunity to engage in both reporting and editing. My supervisor, Mustafizur Rahman, who is the chief of correspondent at *New Age*, and my senior colleagues were very friendly and approachable, making it easy for me to learn from my mistakes without feeling embarrassed. They provided me with guidance on various techniques and rules related to working in a newspaper. The office environment at *New Age* is informal, with everyone addressing each other as 'Bhaiya' or 'Apu' instead of using formal titles like Sir or Madam. This approach helps to create a friendly and stress-free atmosphere, which is essential for journalists who need to be relaxed to write effective news. I also noticed that the company has a policy against eating food in the office, which is a thoughtful idea to avoid creating adverse situations for others. Only liquids are allowed, and senior colleagues are happy to share food with junior employees in the cafeteria. My supervisor at *New Age* maintained regular communication with me to ensure that I was not facing any problems and to offer any necessary assistance. The entire office and working

environment at *New Age* were comfortable and cooperative, which changed my perspective on the professional world. I will always cherish the moments I spent working at *New Age*.

Writing and editing report

There are two primary categories of news: hard news and soft news. Hard news pertains to events that have just occurred or are about to happen, such as crimes, protests, accidents, and press releases. Essentially, hard news refers to news that is urgent and time-sensitive.

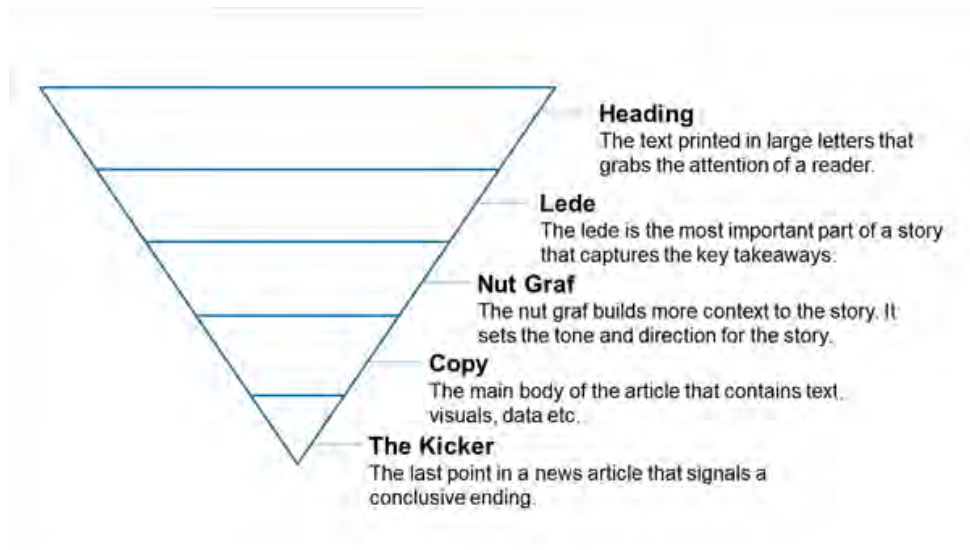
Conversely, soft news focuses on human interest and is less time-sensitive than hard news, such as profiles of public figures, stories about places, and other similar topics. Since my role was in the reporters section, my responsibility was to write hard news, so my experiences will primarily relate to that category.

Selecting an appropriate story to publish is the primary and essential step in report writing. To ensure that a story has the necessary qualities, a reporter must carefully choose the right one. In her book "*Writing and Reporting News*," author Carole Rich suggests some traditional qualities that should be considered when selecting stories, such as timeliness, proximity, unusual nature, human interest, conflicts, and so on. However, since I was assigned to write news directly from the Chief Reporter, Mr. Mostafizur Rahman, at *New Age*, I did not have to worry about what news to work on. Furthermore, I did not face many difficulties in comprehending the raw information as it was written in both Bangla and English. Moving forward, I will share my experience writing hard news during my internship.

There are various methods for reporting hard news, with one of the most widely used and traditional being the inverted pyramid formula. This structure involves placing the most essential information at the beginning of the story, in the lead paragraph, and then arranging the remaining

details in order of importance, from most significant to least significant. This approach, as explained by Carole Rich in her book "Writing and Reporting News," is designed to "organize stories from the most important information to the least important," often beginning with a summary lead that answers the basic questions of who, what, when, where, and why. Additional information is typically presented in subsequent paragraphs, or in what is referred to as the "nut" graph. Occasionally, the question of how may also be included, depending on the nature of the story.

Picture : Inverted Pyramid



During the American Civil War from 1861 to 1865, journalists had to cover war news and quickly send it to their newsrooms from the nearest telegram office. However, the telegram lines would often cut in the middle of sentences, making it difficult to transmit complete reports. To address this, journalists started to place the most important facts at the beginning of their stories so that even if the details were lost, the main point would get through. This practice eventually led to the development of the inverted pyramid format, which is still used today. This structure

benefits readers, reporters, and editors alike. It allows editors to easily edit long stories and cut unnecessary parts, while readers can quickly understand the key points of the report.

The *New Age* has created a unique approach to writing news reports, which is outlined in their own style guide called 'The Style Book of *New Age*.' This book was published on October 16, 2004, with the objective of providing official guidelines to their reporters and editors to eliminate confusion. I believe that this guide is incredibly useful and essential because it would be difficult to individually brief every intern and new employee. The *New Age* adheres strictly to the British style of writing, for example, using "October 9" instead of "9th October," and employing British spelling, such as "programme" instead of "program."

Event cover

During my internship, I received various news from correspondents across the country who work for *New Age*. I would re-write their stories in the *New Age* style for publication. However, in my eighth week, I covered two stories on my own. My supervisor suggested that I start covering local events to gain more experience in the field. Though I was taught how to write stories in the *New Age* style, this was a new challenge that would provide me with knowledge of field work. Without hesitation, I accepted my supervisor's proposal and began covering events independently.

During my time as an intern, I covered two news stories independently. The first story was about the workers in the ready-made garment industry in our nation, and the second story covered the hunger strike of people employed by the public works department and their demands. At the beginning of my new job role, I faced many obstacles, such as not knowing who to approach first, which statements were essential for the report, what questions to ask, and how to gather all

the necessary data. However, since I had experience working on stories written by other correspondents, it was a bit easier for me to connect their narratives with mine to figure out the process of data gathering. I was able to overcome these challenges because of my previous work with correspondent stories. By covering these events, I learned how to collect necessary data for a report, how to organize it, and how to write it according to the format of a newspaper article.

Chapter 3: Academic courses and theories related to my course

The theoretical knowledge acquired through various courses during the program serves as a basis for professional activity if the student works in a field related to the field of study. Since I majored in Media and Cultural Studies, newspapers were naturally related to my field of study, which is why I sought out a newspaper internship in the first place. During my internship at *New Age*, the theoretical knowledge I gained through various ENH courses helped me in various practical situations. The theories learned in these courses are applicable to my assigned assignments while being relevant to certain aspects of journalism. Some of the theories I learned in ENH's ENG401 (Editing), ENG440 (English for Print Media) and ENG465 (Translation Studies) are directly applicable to the various responsibilities assigned to *New Age* interns. Furthermore, some of the theories I learned in ENG301 (Research Methodology), ENG331 (Cultural Studies: Theory and Practice), ENG333 (Globalization and the Media) are very relevant to some things in journalism. These theories can be divided into three parts: editorial theory, cultural theory, and media theory.

Cultural studies theories and practice

In addition to applying the various editorial theories taught in the aforementioned ENH courses to the execution of assigned tasks, I was also able to relate some of the cultural theories I learned to various situations I encountered during my internship.

While working at *New Age*, I was able to apply more of the theory learned in various ENH courses to specific situations. For example, when I was working at the *New Age*, I could relate to Marxist theorist Louis Althusser's concept of the "state ideological apparatus". In Althusser's view, a state's power comes from its "repressive structures" such as the judiciary, courts, prisons,

police, army, etc., and its "state ideological institutions" such as schools, media, religion, etc. institutions etc. In Althusser's view, the state compels people to obey through its repressive structures, but it controls people more subtly through the state ideological apparatus by imposing its ideology on people. Since the newspaper is one of the most important ideological state apparatuses, I was able to relate Althusser's theory to the newspaper industry. During my time at *New Age*, I noticed that certain stories were presented in specific ways in order to guide the reader's focus towards a particular perspective chosen by the newspaper. As a result, readers may adopt a viewpoint that they believe is their own, when in fact it has been subtly imposed upon them.

Throughout my internship, I found myself particularly drawn to French philosopher and social theorist Michel Foucault's concept of the 'Panopticon'. This theory, which is covered in ENG331 using Foucault's *Power/Knowledge: Selected Interviews and Other Writings 1972-1977*, originated from the architectural design of a prison created by English philosopher Jeremy Bentham. In this circular prison design, a watchtower is placed in the center, allowing prison guards to observe the prisoners without being seen themselves. This design creates the impression in the prisoners' minds that they are always being watched, even if there are no guards present, thus leading them to self-regulate their behavior.

Foucault extends this concept to society as a whole, arguing that individuals live within a mental Panopticon where they monitor their own behavior according to the ideologies established by those in positions of influence. This can result in people becoming prisoners of their own thoughts and automatically fulfilling the goals of these influential groups.

During my internship, I found myself in this mental Panopticon. The constant thought that my actions were being observed and evaluated by my seniors caused me to be extra cautious in all my tasks, as I constantly monitored and scrutinized my own behavior to avoid making any mistakes.

English for print media

The English for Print Media (ENG440) course can be extremely beneficial for an intern at a newspaper agency. This course is designed to equip students with the skills needed to write and communicate effectively in a professional print media environment. Here are some ways that the course can help me as an intern at a newspaper agency:

1. **Writing skills:** The course covers the basics of good writing such as grammar, sentence structure, punctuation, and style. These skills are essential for any intern at a newspaper agency, as they will be expected to write news stories, editorials, and other types of content.
2. **News gathering:** The course teaches students how to gather news from different sources and how to use this information to write accurate and engaging news stories. As an intern at a newspaper agency, one of the primary tasks will be to gather and report news, so the skills learned in this course will be invaluable.
3. **Layout and design:** The course covers the basics of layout and design, which is essential for creating visually appealing newspapers. This knowledge can help an intern to understand how to create effective headlines, subheads, and other design elements that will make the newspaper more attractive to readers.

4. Ethics: The course covers the ethical considerations of journalism, such as the importance of accuracy, fairness, and impartiality. This knowledge is critical for interns who will be reporting and writing news stories, as they need to understand the importance of these principles in their work.

In conclusion, the English for Print Media course can be highly beneficial for an intern at a newspaper agency. The course covers essential skills such as writing, news gathering, layout and design, and ethics, which are essential for success in the field of journalism. By taking this course, interns can develop the necessary skills to thrive in a professional print media environment.

Overall, the various theories I learned in different ENG courses not only helped me complete my tasks at *New Age* but also allowed me to apply these concepts to different situations during my internship.

Editing

Editing (ENG401) course can be immensely helpful for an intern at a newspaper agency. The course teaches the fundamentals of editing and proofreading, which are essential skills in the field of journalism. An intern who has taken this course will be well-equipped to edit articles and ensure that they are free of errors before they are published.

The course covers topics such as grammar, syntax, punctuation, spelling, and style, all of which are crucial for producing error-free copy. An intern who has taken this course will be able to identify and correct errors in articles, making them more readable and engaging for the audience.

Furthermore, the course also covers the basics of fact-checking, a crucial aspect of journalism. An intern who has taken this course will be able to verify facts and sources and ensure that the information presented in an article is accurate and reliable. In addition to these technical skills, the course also teaches the importance of maintaining the voice and style of the author while editing. An intern who has taken this course will be able to preserve the original tone and style of an article while making necessary corrections, ensuring that the author's voice is not lost in the editing process.

Overall, the Editing (ENG401) course can provide an intern with the skills and knowledge necessary to edit and proofread articles effectively, ensuring that the newspaper agency publishes high-quality content.

Globalization and the media

The course Globalization and the media (ENG333) can be highly beneficial for an intern working at a newspaper agency. This course teaches about the relationship between media and globalization, and how the media has transformed and impacted the world in the era of globalization.

In today's world, news media is not limited to a particular country or region, and the circulation of information takes place globally. The course covers how media organizations adapt to globalization, and how this affects news reporting, media ownership, and audience reception. As an intern, understanding these concepts can help to provide a broader perspective on news and its influence.

Moreover, this course also highlights the role of media in shaping public opinion, both locally and globally. An intern who is aware of this can report news with more sensitivity and objectivity. Additionally, it can help the intern to understand the various cultural differences and diverse perspectives of the readership, and to cater to them accordingly.

In conclusion, a course like Globalization and the media (ENG333) can equip an intern at a newspaper agency with the necessary knowledge and skills to work in a globalized media landscape. It can help them to understand the impact of media in society and adapt to changing trends.

Chapter 4: Benefits of Journalism

The field of journalism is one of the most exciting and rewarding career paths for English media major students. Journalism offers a unique opportunity to explore the world, ask questions, and report on the news and events that matter. Journalism offers many benefits to English media major students, from the potential to make a difference in the world, to the opportunity to work with some of the top media outlets in the world.

One of the biggest benefits of pursuing a career in journalism is the potential to make a difference in the world. Journalism is a powerful tool for shining a light on important issues and inspiring change. English media major students have the ability to tell stories and report on important topics, which can make a huge impact in society. Furthermore, the potential to make a difference in the world is a major motivator for English media major students, as they have the potential to shape the public discourse and help to bring about positive change.

Another major benefit of pursuing a career in journalism is the opportunity to work with some of the top media outlets in the world. Journalism is a highly competitive industry, and English media major students have the potential to land jobs with some of the most prestigious media organizations in the world. With a degree in English media, English media major students have the potential to become major players in the media landscape and make a big impact on the world.

Finally, pursuing a career in journalism is also a great opportunity for English media major students to develop a wide range of skills. Journalism requires a diverse set of skills, from researching and writing to interviewing and editing. English media major students can hone their

skills in all of these areas, giving them a competitive edge in the job market and a strong foundation for future success.

Knowledge of the English Language

The English language is essential for anyone who is considering journalism as a career. As a media major, it is important to have a strong command of the English language in order to be successful in the field. The ability to communicate effectively and accurately is essential for any journalist, as it is their job to inform and persuade the public.

The English language has many features that make it unique and valuable for journalists. It is important to be aware of the different grammatical structures, syntax, and styles of the language. Journalists must be able to use the language accurately in order to get their point across in an effective and concise manner. Knowing how to use specific grammar and punctuation rules is also important when writing articles and reports.

It is also important to be aware of the different dialects and accents of the English language. Many different cultures and regions around the world use the English language in different ways. Knowing how to communicate effectively in a variety of dialects and accents is essential for any journalist. This is especially important when interviewing or interacting with people from different backgrounds.

Finally, understanding the different styles of writing used in journalism is important for any media major. It is important to be aware of the different types of writing used in journalism, such as news articles, feature stories, editorials, and opinion pieces. It is also important to know how to write in a clear and concise manner, as this is essential for effectively communicating the story to the audience.

Overall, having a strong knowledge of the English language is essential for any media major looking to pursue a career in journalism. Knowing the different dialects and styles of writing, as well as the different grammar and punctuation rules, are all essential for being successful in this field.

Opportunity to Develop Writing Skills

For students majoring in English and media, a career in journalism offers many opportunities to fine-tune and develop their writing skills. Journalists are expected to be able to craft compelling stories that grab the attention of readers. In order to do this, it is important for them to have a mastery of grammar, punctuation, and syntax.

Journalists must also be able to write stories in a variety of styles. For instance, they may be asked to write an in-depth feature article, a concise news story, or an opinion piece. Each type of story requires a different writing style, which can be learned and developed through the practice of journalism.

In addition to writing, journalists must also be knowledgeable about the latest trends in media and technology. Being familiar with the various platforms used to disseminate information is essential in today's media landscape. Journalists must also be able to utilize social media platforms effectively in order to reach a wider audience.

Finally, journalists must also be able to think critically about the stories they write. They must be able to analyze the data and facts they have gathered and draw conclusions from them. This is an important skill for journalists to have, as it allows them to uncover the truth and present it in an unbiased manner.

For media and English majors, a career in journalism offers a variety of opportunities to hone and develop their writing skills. Not only do they get the chance to write in different styles, but they also get to explore the latest trends in media and technology. Moreover, they get to practice critical thinking when analyzing data and facts. All these skills combined make journalism an excellent career choice for English and media majors.

Ability to Understand and Analyze Information

Journalism is a field that requires one to have the ability to understand and analyze information in order to effectively communicate their message. English media major students have the skills to comprehend written and spoken language, as well as the ability to interpret and analyze data. These skills are essential in order to be successful in the field of journalism.

In order to be successful in journalism, one must have the ability to quickly and accurately understand the information they are receiving and then be able to effectively communicate this information. This requires an ability to analyze the data and draw meaningful conclusions. English media major students have the ability to interpret language and ideas, as well as the capacity to discern the important elements from a given text.

Additionally, English media major students have the ability to think critically and creatively in order to analyze the data and come up with meaningful conclusions. This allows them to identify patterns and trends, draw connections between ideas, and provide a comprehensive and objective analysis of the data. This is essential in order to be successful in the field of journalism.

Chapter 5: Journalism as a Lucrative Career

Journalism is an extremely rewarding and lucrative career for those with a passion for storytelling and an ability to craft compelling narratives. Not only does the profession offer a steady income, but it also provides an opportunity to make a difference in the world. Journalism can also provide a platform to explore and report on a variety of topics and issues, giving individuals the chance to become experts in their chosen field and gain recognition for their work.

Journalism provides a range of career paths, from print and online journalism to broadcast and digital media. With the right skills and attributes, individuals can specialize in one particular form of journalism and develop a portfolio of work that speaks to their individual strengths and interests. Those who are able to combine their aptitude for storytelling with their technical know-how can be extremely successful in the field.

Journalism is a challenging but rewarding career, and those who have the passion and drive to pursue it can find it to be a very lucrative career path. With the right qualifications and experience, journalists can make a difference in the world, while also making a comfortable living.

Potential Job Opportunities

There are several potential job opportunities available to English Media Major students who are interested in pursuing a career in journalism. These include positions in newspapers, magazines, broadcast media, digital media, and public relations.

Newspapers: Newspapers are a traditional medium for journalistic information and have been in existence for centuries. They have grown to include the diversity of coverage that reflects our global society. Positions in newspapers often include reporters, photographers, and editors.

Magazines: Magazines provide a wide range of content that includes news, opinion, entertainment, and lifestyle stories. Positions in magazines often include reporters, photographers, and editors.

Broadcast Media: Broadcast media includes television and radio stations. Jobs in this field include reporters, producers, editors, and cameramen.

Digital Media: Digital media includes the internet, social media, and mobile apps. Positions in this field include content creators, editors, and social media managers.

Public Relations: A public relations is a field that involves communicating with the public to promote a company, organization, or individual. Positions in this field include publicists, media relations specialists, and communications managers.

In conclusion, there are many potential job opportunities available to English Media Major students who are interested in pursuing a career in journalism. These positions can be found in newspapers, magazines, broadcast media, digital media, and public relations. Each position requires different skills and knowledge, so the best option for any student will depend on their personal interests and goals.

Network building Opportunities

English media major students who choose to pursue a career in journalism are presented with a large number of opportunities to build networks. Networking is a key element of career success

and can significantly improve the chances of being hired for a job. Networking can be done both online and offline, and can be a great way for English media major students to get their foot in the door of the journalism world.

Online networking is a great way for English media major students to reach out to people in their field. Social media platforms such as Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook can be used to connect with people in the journalism industry. Through these platforms, students can follow and engage with professionals, create content that showcases their skills, and connect with people who have similar interests.

English media major students can also build their network offline by attending events such as journalism conferences, workshops, and seminars. These events provide a great opportunity to meet and connect with other journalists and industry professionals. Additionally, attending journalism-related events can help students stay up to date on the latest trends and gain insight into the industry.

Finally, English media major students can also build their network by volunteering or interning at local news stations or media outlets. Internships and volunteer opportunities provide students with valuable experience and hands-on learning in the field. Additionally, these experiences can open up doors to potential job opportunities and help students build relationships with people in the industry.

Overall, English media major students have a number of opportunities to build their network when pursuing a career in journalism. Networking both online and offline can be a great way for students to gain insight into the industry, stay up to date on trends, and potentially secure a job.

Job Satisfaction

The prospect of a successful career in journalism is attractive to many English Media Major students. In addition to the potential for career advancement, job satisfaction plays a crucial role in the overall appeal of journalism as a career path. Job satisfaction can be defined as a sense of accomplishment and well-being that comes with feeling satisfied in one's job.

Job satisfaction for journalists can come from a variety of sources. For example, many journalists find great satisfaction in the sense of importance and responsibility that comes with their role in informing the public about important events and issues. It can be immensely gratifying to know that one's work has a direct impact on the lives of others. Other sources of job satisfaction may include the opportunity to work with interesting people, the challenge of producing high-quality work, and the satisfaction of seeing one's work in print or on the air.

Journalists also often find satisfaction in the fact that their careers are highly varied and changeable. No two days on the job are likely to be the same, and the opportunity to cover different stories and topics can lead to a great deal of job satisfaction. Additionally, the potential for travel and adventure associated with the job can be a major source of job satisfaction.

Finally, the potential for career advancement in journalism is another element that can lead to job satisfaction. Journalists who perform well and demonstrate the necessary skills can often move up the ladder, leading to better jobs and higher pay. This sense of progress and financial stability can be immensely satisfying.

In conclusion, journalism can be a very rewarding career path for English Media Major students. The potential for career advancement and the wide range of sources of job satisfaction make journalism an attractive and rewarding career prospect in the eyes of many.

Chapter 6: Challenges of Journalism

Journalism is an exciting and rewarding field, but it is not without its challenges. The profession is rapidly changing, and journalists must be prepared to adapt and grow to keep up with the changes. The following are some of the major challenges facing journalists today.

1. **Media Consolidation:** The media landscape is becoming increasingly consolidated. Large media companies are buying up smaller publications and publications are merging to stay afloat. This consolidation has had a significant impact on the number of jobs available to journalists and has left some publications unable to compete against larger competitors.

2. **Technology:** The rise of digital media has changed the way journalists deliver their stories. Journalists must now be proficient in digital platforms and must be able to deliver stories across multiple platforms.

3. **Ethics:** Journalists must maintain ethical standards and be aware of the potential for bias in their reporting. This can be difficult in an age of “fake news” and when journalists are under intense pressure to produce content quickly and accurately.

4. **Political Pressure:** Journalists must be able to report the news without fear of being influenced by political pressures. This can be difficult in a highly polarized political landscape.

5. **Financial Pressures:** The decline of print media, along with the rise of digital media, has impacted the financial stability of many publications. Journalists must be prepared to face financial pressures as publications struggle to remain profitable.

6. **Social Media:** Social media has become an important platform for journalists to reach their audiences, but it can also be a source of distraction and pressure. Journalists must be able to

manage their time on social media to ensure they are staying informed and engaging with their audience.

7. Job Security: The job market for journalists is highly competitive, and job security is not always guaranteed. Journalists must continually work to stay up to date on the latest trends and technologies to ensure they remain competitive in the job market.

These challenges can seem daunting, but they can also be seen as opportunities for growth. Journalists who are able to stay ahead of the curve and rise to the challenges will be well-positioned to continue to pursue a successful career in journalism.

Low Starting Salaries

One of the challenges associated with journalism as a career prospect for English media major students is the low starting salaries. Most journalism jobs are poorly paid, making it difficult for new graduates to make ends meet.

Competition for available positions is also intense, despite the relatively low wages. Many journalism positions require at least a bachelor's degree in the field, and most employers prefer applicants with experience. As a result, new graduates may struggle to find a job in journalism, and those who find a job may be offered a lower salary than expected.

In addition, many journalism jobs are freelance positions rather than permanent contracts, meaning that journalists may not be able to count on a steady income. Freelance positions also tend to be lower-paying than permanent contracts, and freelancers often have to take on multiple jobs to make a living.

For English media major students who are considering a career in journalism, it is important to be aware of the potential for low starting salaries. It may be necessary to accept a lower salary than expected at first in order to gain experience and build a portfolio. It may also be necessary to supplement income with freelance work or other jobs in order to make ends meet.

Stressful and Unpredictable Working Conditions

Journalism is a highly competitive and rapidly changing field. While it can be a rewarding career, it can also be stressful and unpredictable. Working in the media can often involve long hours and tight deadlines, as well as pressure to produce high-quality work. Journalists also need to be able to adapt quickly to changing circumstances and make quick decisions.

The hours of a journalist can vary greatly depending on their job. Many journalists work long hours, including evenings and weekends, to meet deadlines and cover breaking news. Journalists may also be required to travel for long periods of time to cover stories in remote locations. This can add to the stress of the job, as well as make it difficult to maintain a work-life balance.

Journalists may also face unpredictable working conditions. They may be exposed to dangerous situations, such as covering stories in war zones or natural disaster areas. They may also be exposed to hostile environments and people who may not agree with their reporting.

The pressure to produce high-quality work can also be stressful. Journalists may be required to meet tight deadlines, which can lead to increased stress. They may also face criticism from editors and readers if their work is not up to par.

In addition, journalists may be required to juggle multiple tasks at once. They may be working on multiple stories at once, or be asked to cover many different topics. This can be stressful, and can lead to burnout if the pressure is not managed properly.

Overall, journalism can be a rewarding and exciting career, but it can also be stressful and unpredictable. Journalists need to be prepared to work long hours, cope with changing conditions, and face criticism. They also need to be able to manage the pressure of deadlines and multiple tasks. With the right approach, however, journalism can be a rewarding and fulfilling career.

Difficulty Breaking into the Field

Despite the advantages of a career in journalism, it can be difficult for English media major students to break into the field. The journalism industry is highly competitive, and there are not as many opportunities as there are aspiring journalists.

One of the most significant obstacles to entering the journalism industry is the prevalence of unpaid internships. In Bangladesh, many students resort to unpaid internships in order to gain experience and make connections in the industry. However, these internships are often not enough to secure a full-time job in the field.

In addition, many journalism jobs require experience and knowledge of the industry that English media major students may not have. For example, many jobs require knowledge of web design, coding, and other digital media skills that are not taught in most English media programs.

Finally, the job market for journalism is often unstable. Many journalism positions are project-based and do not offer long-term employment. This can make it difficult for aspiring journalists to find steady employment and build a successful career in the field.

Despite these challenges, there are still opportunities for English media major students to break into the field of journalism. With the right skills and dedication, it is possible to build a successful career in the field.

Chapter 7: Conclusion

To summarize, this internship report has covered the internship objectives, *New Age's* position in Bangladesh, the tasks and challenges faced by interns, the work environment, and the integration of ENH theories in completing tasks. This three-month-long internship has been a valuable learning experience for the writer, although they have decided not to pursue a staff correspondent position at *New Age* due to their career goals. However, the writer suggests that English graduates have promising career opportunities in the newspaper industry in Bangladesh, with their ENH education providing an advantage. Furthermore, bilingual or English language newspapers in Bangladesh offer competitive salaries. Therefore, the report concludes that English department graduates have a bright future in the Bangladeshi newspaper industry.

Journalism as a Viable Option for English Major Students

The field of journalism has always been an attractive option for students who possess excellent communication skills, a love for writing, and a passion for storytelling. The world of journalism offers a challenging and dynamic work environment, where each day brings new stories and opportunities to make a difference. In this chapter, we will explore why journalism can be a viable option for English major students, and how it can provide them with a fulfilling and rewarding career path.

English is the most widely spoken language in the world, and it is also the language of international journalism. Proficiency in English is essential for anyone who wishes to pursue a career in journalism, as it is the primary language used in newsrooms across the globe. English majors are already well-equipped with the necessary language skills, including reading, writing,

and critical analysis. This makes them a valuable asset to any news organization, as they can write compelling and engaging news stories that capture the attention of their audience.

The newspaper industry in Bangladesh has been growing rapidly over the past few years, and it has created a high demand for qualified journalists who possess the necessary skills and experience. There are several English and bilingual newspapers in Bangladesh that are looking for talented writers and reporters to join their team. This presents a great opportunity for English major students to enter the field of journalism and build a successful career.

Working in the newspaper industry can be both challenging and rewarding. Journalists need to have the ability to work under pressure, meet deadlines, and adapt quickly to changing situations. They also need to have strong communication and interpersonal skills, as they often have to work with different people from different backgrounds. Furthermore, journalists need to have a strong work ethic, as they may need to work long and irregular hours to cover breaking news stories.

Journalism can be a viable option for English major students who are passionate about writing and storytelling. With their excellent language skills and critical thinking abilities, English majors are well-suited to succeed in the field of journalism. The newspaper industry in Bangladesh is growing rapidly, and it offers plenty of opportunities for talented and hardworking journalists. While working in the newspaper industry can be challenging, it can also be a fulfilling and rewarding career path for those who are up to the task.

Suggestion of Preparation Needed for English Major Students Considering Journalism as a Career

As discussed in the previous chapter, journalism can be a promising career for English major students in Bangladesh. However, to excel in this field, one needs to be well-prepared and possess certain skills and qualities. In this chapter, we will discuss some suggestions for English major students who are considering journalism as a career.

Improve writing skills: Writing is the backbone of journalism. Good writing skills are a must for anyone who wants to pursue a career in journalism. Students can start by practicing different writing styles, such as news writing, feature writing, and opinion writing. They should also learn to write concisely and in a way that is easy to understand for the general public.

Develop critical thinking: Critical thinking is another essential skill for journalists. They must be able to analyze and evaluate information critically to produce unbiased and accurate news. Students can develop this skill by reading widely, questioning the validity of the information they receive, and learning to form their own opinions based on evidence.

Gain experience: Experience is crucial for anyone who wants to be a journalist. Students can gain experience by writing for their school or university newspapers, contributing to local news websites, or interning at media outlets. This will help them to develop their skills, learn about the industry, and make valuable connections.

Stay up-to-date with current events: Journalists must be aware of the latest news and trends in the world. Students can start by reading newspapers, following news websites, and watching news programs regularly. This will not only help them to stay informed but also to understand how news is presented and reported.

Learn digital media skills: With the rise of digital media, it is essential for journalists to have a good understanding of digital media skills, such as social media management, video production,

and multimedia storytelling. Students can learn these skills by taking relevant courses or attending workshops.

Develop networking skills: Networking is critical in the journalism industry. Students should attend media events, join professional organizations, and connect with journalists and media professionals on social media platforms. This will help them to build relationships, learn about job opportunities, and get valuable advice.

In conclusion, while journalism can be a promising career for English major students in Bangladesh, it requires hard work, dedication, and preparation. By following these suggestions, students can improve their chances of success in the industry.

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Appendix

UP chair constructs road on canal

Work suspended amid protests

Our Correspondent
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ROAD construction work on a canal has been suspended after a farmer has complained against a local union parishad chair for the development project obstructing the water flow in the area.

A group of locals people alleged that the BK Nagar UP Chair Eskandor Ali Bhuiyan

took over the government canal and was constructing a road over the canal.

Local farmers fear disruption of crop production on hundreds of bighas of land due to the blockade on the canal.

In a complaint filed with the Janjira upazila AC (Land) office, Rasel Jamaddar, a local farmer, said that the UP chair was filling the canal

to build a road from Siraj Matbar's house in West Kazi Kandi of BK Nagar union to Hannan Bepari's house in the same area under Janjira upazila.

Farmers feared that crop production would be hampered if the road was constructed while there was a bridge over the canal for road communication.

The UP chair claimed

that hundreds of people of the West Kazi Kandi could not move due to lack of a road in the area and that was why he took the project to construct a road on the canal.

He said that the road would have a drainage system.

Assistant commissioner (Land) Abdur Rahman Khan after visiting the site asked the UP chair to suspend the road construction work.



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Illustration 1: Story of an illegal road construction

Launch passenger falls in river

Our Correspondent
Munshiganj

A PASSENGER went missing after falling from a moving launch in Dhaleshwari-Meghna estuary near Charakshoreganj village of Munshiganj on Monday.

The missing person is Hazrat Ali, 17, a resident of Gabtali village in Futalla of Narayanganj, said Gazaria coast guard commander Shahadat Hossain.

Joyual Uddin, a friend of the missing passenger, said that they were going to Beltali Lengtar shrine in Matlab upazila of Chandpur along with six friends while Hazrat Ali slipped through the void in the toilet of the moving launch.

But the launch clerk Solaman said that the friends were consuming hemp at the back of the launch.



Illustration 2: Story of a missing launch passenger

Govt to fix pvt hospital service fees: minister

Staff Correspondent

HEALTH minister Zahid Maleque on Thursday said that the private hospitals would be classified into three categories—A, B and C—based on the quality of their services and their fees would fixed accordingly.

Taking into consideration the standard of service they provide, the government will set the treatment costs for private hospitals across the coun-

try, he told a meeting with the representatives of the private hospitals at the ministry.

The ministry convened the meeting to fix fees for services offered by private health facilities in the wake of allegations that they charge exorbitantly in the absence of the government fixed rates for them.

Zahid asserted that hospitals would not be allowed to treat patients beyond their manpower and

equipment limits.

It becomes a life risk for a patient requiring heart treatment or C-section when a hospital having no equipment to treats such a patient, the health minister pointed out.

He called on the private health facilities to maximise their service quality.

The hospitals having the capacity and equipment would only be allowed to perform surgery," he added.



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Illustration 3: Story of fixing hospital service fees by government.

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Minor girl raped in Sirajganj

Our Correspondent. Sirajganj | Published: 18:49, Dec 06, 2022



Representational image.

A minor girl was raped at a village under Kamarkhanda upazila in Sirajganj on Monday afternoon.

Kamarkhanda police station officer-in-charge Noorannabi Pradhan said that the victim's mother filed a case against 58-year-old oil trader Motalib Sheikh on Monday night for raping the 11-year-old girl.



'After the medical examination at Sirajganj General Hospital, the child gave a statement to a court on Tuesday afternoon. The police are trying to arrest the rapist' said the OC.

The victim's mother said that the rapist managed to flee the scene with the help of local people.

Motalib lured the child with chocolates and took her behind the warehouse of an oil mill and raped her there on Monday afternoon, she added.

Illustration 4: Story of a minor girl rape case.

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Factory workers block Dhaka-Tangail highway seeking arrears

10 injured in police-workers clash

Our Correspondent - Gazipur | Published: 16:09, Dec 13, 2022 | Updated: 22:36, Dec 13, 2022



Police fired three rounds of teargas shells and charged batons to disperse agitated workers of New Line Garment Factory who blocked Dhaka-Tangail highway on Tuesday.

The agitation of the workers of factory demanding arrears triggered severe traffic congestion on the highway.



For the past few days, they have been demanding payment of their dues but the authorities have not paid it despite repeated assurances of payment, which has caused dissatisfaction among the employees and workers of the factory, said the protesters.

Industrial Police-2 inspector of Gazipur, Nitai Chandra Sarkar said that staff level employees of New Line factory were demanding their arrears wages of the past five months and workers of three months' wages, but of no avail.

They gathered in the morning and blocked Dhaka-Tangail highway beside the factory, said the police official.

Discussions were going on with the factory authorities regarding the demands of the protesters and additional police forces were deployed on the spot to maintain order, the police inspector added.

Illustration 5: Story of a road block by factory workers.



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Illegal structures evicted along Dhaka-Ctg highway

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The Roads and Highways Department conducted an eviction drive against the illegally constructed structures on the land of RHD in Bhaber Char Bus Stand area of Gazaria in Munshiganj on Sunday morning.

The eviction drive was conducted along the Dhaka-Chattoogram highway. RHD Dhaka zone executive magistrate Main Uddin led the eviction drive.



At least 12 structures along the highway were evicted in the drive, said Main Uddin.

The structures were built illegally in the bus stand area, he added.

Narayanganj RHD executive engineer Shahana Ferdous, Gazaria upazila nirbahi officer Ziaul Islam Chowdhury, upazila assistant commissioner (land) GM Rashedul Islam, deputy divisional engineer Abul Hossain, along with a large number of police from Gazaria, were present during the drive.

Illustration 6: Story of illegal structures besides highway.



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Media urged to highlight female migrant workers' rights

Staff Correspondent | Published: 00:34, Dec 21, 2022



Centre for Women and Children Studies on Tuesday urged media professionals to highlight the rights, dignity and contribution of returnee women migrants.

They made the call at a media advocacy event at the National Press Club.



Quoting statistics of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training, lawyer Farida Yeasmin in her keynote paper on advocacy for the rights of women said that about 11 lakh women had migrated between 1991 and November 2022 from Bangladesh.

She said that female migrants from Bangladesh had huge contribution to the country's remittance.

Yeasmin urged the media professionals to stand by these women being the remittance fighters of the nation.

President of CWCS professor Ishrat Shamim called for respect and dignity for women migrants as well as ethical journalism in covering issues of female migrants.

Media professionals had an important role in shaping perception and opinions, said Mohammad Ikram Hossain, Bangladesh country coordinator, International Centre for Migration Policy Development.

'We urge them to avoid negative reporting on women migrants and rather provide information about safe and orderly migration and how women can avail the support services from the related stakeholders,' he added.

Illustration 7: Media urged to highlights migrant workers rights.

