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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION
2021_2 EXAMINATIONS**

COURSE CODE: JLS 721
COURSE TITLE: NEWS REPORTING/ WRITING
UNITS: 3
TIME: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

1. With your knowledge of word economy in media writing, summarise each of these group of wasteful words. Examples: adjacent to (near), together with (with). **(25 marks)**

Answer: Each correct answer carries 2½marks.

- a. Arrived at a conclusion ()
 - b. At this moment in time ()
 - c. Made their way to ()
 - d. In addition to ()
 - e. Arrangements were made ()
 - f. Gathered together ()
 - g. Drew to a close ()
 - h. Tendered his resignation ()
 - i. Gave its approval ()
 - j. Kept under surveillance ()
2. (a) As a reporter, your news judgment is very essential because you are the first gatekeeper in the news editorial chain. (a) What do you understand by news judgment? **(3 Marks)**
(b) Identify and explain any four criteria for evaluating news worthiness. **(12 Marks)**
3. With one relevant example for each, identify five news writing styles you know. **(15 Marks)**
4. Defamation is one legal pothole an online reporter must be constantly wary of.
(a) Explain defamation in the context of Computer-Assisted Reporting (CAR). **(6 Marks)**
(b) What defences are available to one accused of defamation? **(9marks)**

5. Demonstrate your knowledge of journalism by indicating quite precisely the meaning of the following journalistic terminologies: **(15 marks)**.
- a. Ad
 - b. Airtime
 - c. Beat
 - d. Sacred cow
 - e. Stet
 - f. Scoop
 - g. Cub
 - h. Off-the record
 - i. Byline
 - j. Dateline.