



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION
2021_2 EXAMINATIONS**

COURSE CODE: JLS823
COURSE TITLE: NEWS REPORTING
UNITS: 3
TIME: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

1. News is an account of an event and the raison d'être of any newspaper. Discuss this in line with the acceptable measures for considering an event to be newsworthy. **(25 Marks)**
2. A news story commences with a summary of the significant fundamentals of an occurrence referred to as the lead. Situate this within 5 types of leads which facilitate reportage of news. **(15 Marks)**
3. Acceptable behaviour and the criteria for making appropriate decisions are applicable to news coverage and reportage by journalists despite encounters often faced within the judicial proceedings. Position this within the context of journalists found wanting of the law of contempt of court and the defences they are acceptable to plead for. **(15 Marks)**
4. Explain the rulings of the court on one hand and elucidate on the following legal terms Decree nisi, decree absolute, Demurrer, Certiorari, Mandamus, and Sequester for court reportage on the other hand. **(15 Marks)**
5. Discuss the various types of conversations a reporter organises between two or more people in the news gathering process while explaining the two techniques involved in this tactful and knowledge-based process. **(15 Marks)**