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**2023\_2 EXAMINATIONS\_**

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**COURSE CODE:** JLS 721  
**COURSE TITLE:** NEWS REPORTING  
**UNITS:** 3  
**TIME:** 3 HOURS  
**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER ANY 4 QUESTIONS

1. You have just been assigned a political bit by a newly established media organisation to cover a political rally. Based on this, examine seven rudiments you deem fit in writing your news story. Just as the basketball player must abide by the rules of the game, so also must the news writer adhere to a set of principles that guide news writing. Identify and explain any five of such guidelines also known as rudiments of news story. **(17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**
2. You have been delegated to interview reporters to be recruited by a media organisation, describe seven attributes of a good reporter you will apply in your judgement. (a) What is news? (b) Who is a good news reporter? (c) What are the indicators of a good news report? **(17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**
3. It is believed that the heart of news gathering operations is the newsroom. Clearly identify five key staff of this unit and explain in details their schedule of duties. **(17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**
4. The use of computer in newsgathering is one of the latest developments in information technology. (a) Demonstrate your understanding of Computer Assisted Journalism (CAJ)? (b) Discuss five advantages of Computer Assisted Journalism (CAJ) over old methods of practicing journalism in Nigeria. **(17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**
5. (a) Briefly explain five ways the materials published on the Internet can lead to contempt of court in Nigeria? (b) What lessons exist thereof for a cub online reporter? **(17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**