



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
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**Faculty of the Social Sciences**  
**Department of Mass Communication**  
**2024 1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE:** JLS721  
**COURSE TITLE:** NEWS REPORTING AND WRITING  
**UNITS:** 3  
**TIME:** 3 HOURS  
**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE

1. Mr. Kunle representing Aderoju Ifelodun Constituency in Lagos State House of Representatives, on his way back from the Lagos Assembly had an accidents and it was reported in the news.
  - a. As a Students of journalism what determinants of News is such a scenario? **(5 Marks)**
  - b. Why do you think the accident was reported? **(5 Marks)**
  - c. List and explain other five determinants of news. **(15 Marks)**
2. Discuss at least five (5) elements of good writing that must be found in your report before your news story could be considered as a good write-up. **(15 Marks)**
3. Discuss 10 vital skills a budding reporter need to have in conducting interviews. **(15 Marks)**
4. As a resourceful reporter, list and explain five (5) sources of news with ample examples. **(15 Marks)**
5. With appropriate example and or illustration where applicable, discuss the key differences between a news report and a feature article. **(15 Marks)**