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2024_2 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: MAC414
COURSE TITLE: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REPORTING
UNITS: 3
TIME: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE

1(a). Science and technology reporters are of various types depending on the beat they are assigned to. Briefly explain (5) types of science and technology reporters. **(15 Marks)**

(b). While following a general rule in news writing, every genre of journalism has a distinct rule for writing news. Briefly discuss the specific rules for science and technology writing. **(10 Marks)**

2(a). What are the important hints in editing science and technology copy? **(5 Marks)**

(b). Identify and discuss five (5) editing symbols and how they can be used to convey editing meaning. **(10 Marks)**

3(a). Just like other forms of journalistic writing, science and technology reporting follows a particular style of writing. Briefly discuss the various styles peculiar to science and technology reporting. **(5 Marks)**

(b). Editing is at the heart of journalism and it is deliberately done to meet certain goals. Discuss at least, (5) general purpose of editing as well as (5) other reasons for editing in science and technology reporting. **(10 Marks)**

4(a). Discuss the defences that a technology reporter can raise when accused of obscene publication, copyright and defamation. **(10 Marks)**

(b). Explain how truth and honesty, privacy, confidentiality as well as personal interest versus public interest are important ethical concerns in science and technology reporting. **(5 Marks)**