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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE TITLE: NEWS REPORTING/WRITING
COURSE CODE: JLS 823
CREDIT UNITS: 3
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

1. (a) Provide a detailed description of News Gathering operations in the newsroom. **(7½ marks)**
(b) As a reporter, you need to know the various sources of news. How can you keep regular contact with your sources? **(10 marks)**
2. A reporter news judgement or ability to determine newsworthy events is very essential. Discuss any five traditional criteria for judging the value of news. **(17½ marks)**
3. (a) What is a bridge in News Writing? **(5½ marks)**
(b) News story has two parts, the lead and the body. With the aid of a diagram, provide a detailed explanation for the body of a news story. **(12 marks)**
4. (a) Explain how the press can be free. **(7½ marks)**
(b) In Nigeria, what is the constitutional guarantee for press freedom? **(10 marks)**
5. (a) What is the primary purpose of conducting a radio interview? **(3½ marks)**
(b) Discuss any two types of interview programmes on radio. **(14 marks)**