



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION**  
**2025\_1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE TITLE:** NEWS REPORTING/WRITING  
**COURSE CODE:** JLS823  
**CREDIT UNITS:** 3  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 3 HOURS  
**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE

1. (a) Relate the likely influence of any five (5) of the normative theories of the press to the media operation system in Nigeria. **(15 marks)**  
(b) Discuss any five (5) of the yardsticks that can be used to assess news value. **(10 marks)**
2. (a) Examine any five (5) major styles through which leads can be structured to ensure that leads truly lead. **(10 marks)**  
(b) Examine any two (2) major ways through which journalists can run foul of contempt of court. **(5 marks)**
3. (a) Discuss five (5) importance of the internet to news reporting and writing in the present digital age. **(10 marks)**  
(b) Is it right for a journalist to disclose the identity of his/her news source without the source's consent? Discuss. **(5 marks)**
4. Identify and discuss, with relevant examples and cases, five (5) major legal pitfalls that the journalists do fall prey to while using internet in journalism practice in Nigeria. **(15 marks)**
5. (a) Explain the concept of press freedom and relate the concept with the Universal Declaration of Human Right. **(5 marks)**  
(b) There is no absolute freedom anywhere, even in the freest societies of the world. Explain the four (4) major limits to press freedom. **(10 marks)**