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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

FINAL EXAMINATION 2005

Title of Paper: REPORTING-PRINT
Course Code: JMC 203
Time allowed: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer any four (4) questions.*
- 2. Neatness, grammar and spelling will count in grading.*
- 3. Each question carries 15 marks.*
- 4. This paper consists of two pages, cover page included.*

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Question 1:

Imagine that you have just arrived in a regional capital in Swaziland as your newspaper's regional reporter.

- a) List all major sources you will use for news on political, social, economic, educational and cultural matters. *(7 marks)*
- b) Explain your choice of each of these sources. *(8 marks)*

Question 2:

"Good news writing requires a reporter to have certain qualities." Discuss the qualities needed, bearing in mind that the most important tool a reporter has is language.

Question 3:

"News has a number of categories that are recognized by media practitioners." List these categories with a clear explanation of their significance to society in general.

Question 4:

"A typical newsroom has a structure which shows a hierarchy."

- a) Give the structure of a typical newsroom. *(8 marks)*
- b) Explain the functions of each of those structures. *(7 marks)*

Question 5:

"A Sub-Editor has many responsibilities for his/her paper." Outline the responsibilities of a Sub-Editor, highlighting their significance in the production of the paper.

Question 6:

"Professor Paul Ansah has listed what a reporter has to do as self-preparation for an assignment."

- a) What are these requirements? *(8 marks)*
- b) Explain how they facilitate the work of the reporter in his/her assignments. *(7 marks)*