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2010/2011 FINAL EXAM QUESTION PAPER: SUPPLEMENTARY

TITLE OF PAPER: NEWS WRITING

COURSE CODE: JMC 216

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **THREE** questions.

Spelling and grammar will count in grading.

Use your own examples to illustrate your answer(s).

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Question 1

Explain the types of leads listed below and give examples of stories that appeared in the press to support your answer.

- a) Immediate identification lead
- b) Delayed identification lead
- c) Summary lead
- d) Multiple element lead

(20 Marks)

Question 2

Explain the following:

- a) Dateline
- b) Sub-editor
- c) News clip
- d) Teaser
- e) Inverted pyramid

(20 Marks)

Question 3

Discuss five characteristics of news, giving examples to support your answer.

(20 Marks)

Question 4

Identify five Ws and one H in the following story:

- a) "Dead Couple gets married" which appeared in the *Times of Swaziland Sunday* on August 22, 2010 (See appendix).
- b) You are a reporter working for the *Swazi Herald* newspaper and you are assigned to cover His Majesty, King Mswati III's state visit to the Republic of China. Give a detailed account of how you would prepare for the trip in order to give informed and detailed reports about the trip.

(20 Marks)

Question 5

Discuss in detail ways in which to get sources as a newspaper reporter working for the *Swazi Sun*.

(20 Marks)

Question 6

It is often argued that freedom of the press and responsibility are closely intertwined. Discuss this statement using examples to support your answer.

(20 Marks)

HERBERT KUNENE, WHO DIED IN DECEMBER 2005, BECOMES THE LAWFUL HUSBAND EVEN IN DEATH, I DO!

BY MUSA SIMELANE

BHUNYA - The community of LaMgabhi witnessed a unique traditional wedding when a couple, even though both deceased, was joined together in matrimony recently.

Herbert Kunene, who died in December 2005, became the lawful husband to Elizabeth Mavuso, who died in February 2008.

Both were in their 60s at the time of their deaths, from different illnesses.

Since they could no longer participate in their big day physically, only their photos were used to represent them during the customary exchange of gifts ceremony known as *Kuthlambisa*.

Celebration

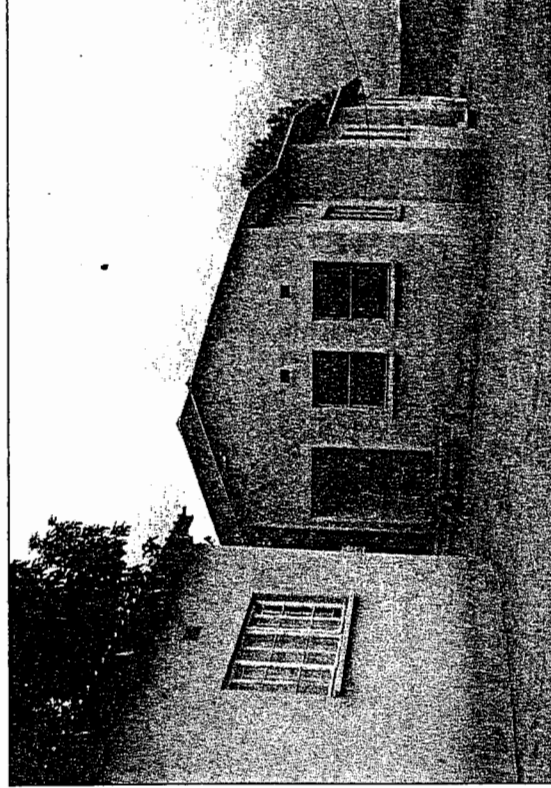
During the wedding celebration session (*umtsimba*) both were represented by their male and female relatives who did some of the dancing on their behalf.

This was by no means a small event, as community folk were invited to witness it, like it would happen in a case where the bride and groom are alive. To mark the end of the event there was also an unveiling of their tombstones side by side.

In their living years, Kunene and Mavuso were so passionate about their dream of getting married even though they had already started a family and built a home together.

They would occasionally let their children know about it and also hint

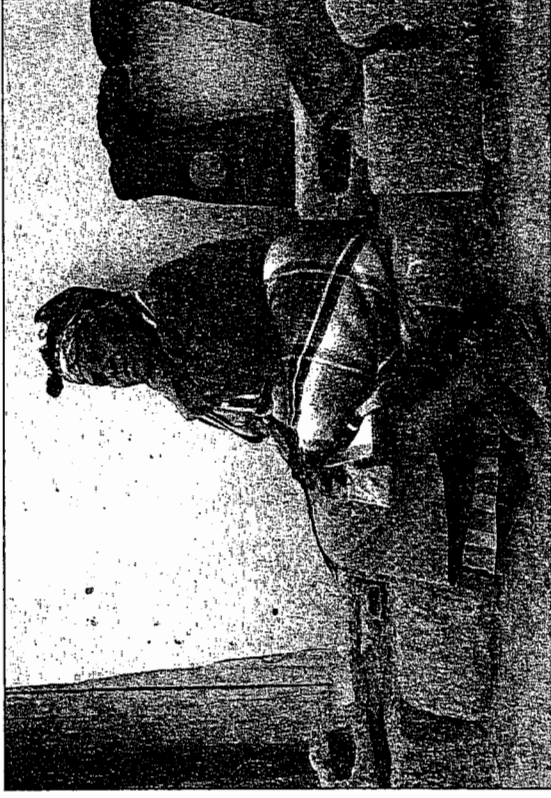
Two family members, male and female, dance on their behalf



The home where the wedding of the late couple Hebert Kunene and Elizabeth Mavuso took place at LaMgabhi.

that they were preparing to get married even though they were very old.

Their eldest child Gugu, said the wedding was held in early June this year after she and her only sibling Bheki, had prepared months ahead for it. Gugu works at a local medical institution while her brother lives and is employed in South Africa. "This was our parents' wish and we had the desire to make it happen for them even though they are



An aunt to the late couple, Kate Kunene who was also present at the wedding.

no longer with us. They had long prepared gifts for each other for the *Kuthlambisa* ceremony. It was just in their hearts to officially wed the traditional Swazi way," Gugu explained. She felt relieved that they had done what their parents yearned for throughout their lives and were finally resting in peace together as husband and wife. Gugu and her brother also felt a sense of accomplishment and peace within

Christianity

Gugu said even though the Kunene family's religion was Christianity, however, her old parents also followed certain aspects of Swazi culture, like honouring ancestors.

Meanwhile, Kunene's sister Kate also

confirmed to this newspaper that the deceased couple wanted to be married, even in death. "LaMavuso wanted the home they had built together with my brother to be used as a brief stop for her casket, as per Swazi custom of (*kukhokha*) just before being taken to her final resting place. This can only be done when a man and woman were already married when one of them dies," she said.

TO ELIZABETH MAVUSO, WHO DIED IN FEBRUARY 2008



A file photo of the late couple Hebert Kunene and Elizabeth Mavuso who wedded in death at LaMgabhi area. Hundreds came to witness the ceremony.

... so, how about *lobola*?

BHUNYA – There have been concerted efforts by the children of the deceased Herbert to pay *lobola* on his behalf to the family of Elizabeth Mavuso, who became his wife two months ago.

According to Gugu Kunene, their eldest daughter, they started last year by sending *lugege* and *nsulamnyembeti* (cattle) to the Mavusos with the same constituency. She said she and her brother had talks with the Mavusos and were planning to send more cattle as dowry. Their mother Elizabeth died two years ago after being ill for some time and she at that time had not become a wife to their father.

It's a 'no' from Chief Malamlela

MBABANE - A traditionalist's opinion on this matter was sought from Chief Malamlela Magagula, who was surprised that two dead people could still be married under the Swazi custom.

"As far as I know, there is no wedding party (*umtsimba*) for dead people. Maybe this is the new development of things for modern times, but I've never seen or heard of such," said the chief.

He added that this was not a Swazi way of doing things. LaMgabhi Member of Parliament (MP) and also Minister of Public Works and Transport Ntuthuko Dlamini said he was aware of the matter but did not attend it as he was not invited. He said he knew the couple from childhood. Chief Malamlela is former National Court President for Lobamba. He is now a senator.