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DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER – DECEMBER, 2017

TITLE OF PAPER: DRAMA PRODUCTION FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION

COURSE CODE: JMC 409

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer three (3) questions.

2. Make sure you proofread your work to eliminate writing errors and resultant loss of marks.

3. Use your own examples to illustrate your answers.

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Question 1

Discuss the advantages of using drama as a vehicle to address serious social issues. Use examples of television and/or radio dramas to substantiate your answer.

[20 Marks]

Question 2

Discuss how a character's personality is revealed to listeners of a radio drama, as well as how a director can help an actor convey their character's personality.

[20 Marks]

Question 3

Discuss the personnel and technical aspects of the production that a producer would need to finalise in order to ensure an efficient and problem-free radio drama recording. In your discussion comment on some of the problems a producer can anticipate and solve in advance.

[20 Marks]

Question 4

Discuss how skillful microphone placement can contribute to creating a sense of reality in a radio drama.

[20 Marks]

Question 5

Discuss how radio's sound elements may be used to evoke images and feelings amongst listeners.

[20 Marks]

Question 6

Discuss how a producer may efficiently use his or her time during the first four phases of production to anticipate the radio drama's promotional needs.

[20 Marks]