



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION
EXAMINATION QUESTION
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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) Explain five (5) major ways through which the press adds values to the society. **(10 marks)**
(b) Discuss five (5) qualities that are attributable to a professional reporter. **(15 marks)**
2. (a) Discuss any ten (10) sources of news that a professional reporter can explore while gathering news. **(10 marks)**
(b) “When a dog bites a man, it is not newsy; but when a man bites a dog, it is news worthy”. Relate this quote to your understanding of the definition of news. **(5 marks)**
3. (a) Discuss five (5) of the guidelines that news reporters must adhere to, to ensure quality and credibility of news. **(10 marks)**
(b) Explain five (5) reasons why the lead is highly essential in every news story. **(5 marks)**
4. Use the inverted pyramid diagram of news reporting as an impetus to discuss each of the key elements in the narrative style of news. **(15 marks)**
5. (a) Explain the five (5) unique principles that must be taken into consideration when writing radio news copies. **(10 marks)**
(b) Interview is an essential source of news story. Examine any two (2) of the forms of interview that can be conducted to source for news stories. **(5 marks)**