



(Knowledge for Development)

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FOR THE DIPLOMA OF JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION

COURSE CODE: DCU 112

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION

DATE: 20TH DECEMBER, 2022

TIME: 9.00 - 11.00AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE- COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

1. a. The following are some headlines carried out by a local Newspaper in the recent past.
- ❖ EA'S Biggest Project Roll Out
 - ❖ 52 officials sent home as liquor firms shut
 - ❖ MP who earns zero salary
 - ❖ ODM vows to take seat from Ruto
 - ❖ Revealed: What Duale said about terrorism
- i. With reference to these headlines, identify and explain the general characteristics of a newspaper headlines.
- ii. Referring to the various parts of speech used in the given headlines, state any five (5) grammatical rules which govern the writing of newspaper headlines.
- iii. For each of the headlines given above, provide an alternative headline you would have used had you been the paper editor.
- b. What reporting skills should a good journalist possess (5 Marks)
- c. Replace the following phrases and clauses with one word that means the same. (5marks)

Destroyed by fire _____

Any of the two _____

A great number of times _____

A little less than _____

Small number of _____

A large number of _____

A sufficient number of _____

At regular intervals of time _____

Commute back and forth _____

From time to time _____

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

2. Write a formal letter to the Chairman of the Department of English, Journalism, Language and Mass Communication (EJLMC) informing him of your intention to:
- (a) Enroll for more courses;
 - (b) Pay for the courses whose payment is still outstanding; and
 - (c) Solicit for help in improving the Journalism Club and request for equipping the Media lab
- Your letter should not be more than 250 words.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

3. a. Outline the different stages of Report Writing. (3marks)
- b. State the four (4) rules of report writing (4marks)
- c. State the five (5) types of reports (3marks)
- d. Write a letter to your father or some other near relative, giving a brief report of your studies, your hostel life, and your friends (about 100 words). (10marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

4. a. Put the verbs given in brackets in the simple past tense. (5marks)
One morning, Akbar..... (go) for a walk with Prince Salim and Birbal. After some time, they..... (come) to the bank of a river. It..... (be) a hot morning and they..... (sit) down in the shade of a tree. A few minutes later, Akbar..... (say), "Shall we go and bathe in the river?" Birbal put his hand into the water and..... (say), "I wouldn't like to bathe." Akbar and Prince Salim..... (take) off their clothes and (give) them to Birbal. Then they..... (get) into the water and..... (bathe) in it. Akbar..... (say) to Prince Salim, "Birbal is standing in the sun and holding our clothes. He looks like a washer man's donkey," Akbar..... (call) out to Birbal and..... (say), 'You're carrying a donkey's load.' Birbal..... (bow) and very respectfully..... (say), "No, sir I'm carrying the loads of two donkeys."

b. Insert the correct punctuation to complete the following sentences.

Light entered the room through cracks in the walls through holes in the roof and through one small window.

When it came to casting votes some councilors changed their minds and with their help the motion was passed.

Some years ago I lived in a section of the town infested with flies so I was forced to relocate.

In God we trust was not the motto on the first coin minted in the United States the first motto was mind your business.

The two pits on the side of the rattles snakes head enable him to detect the presence of a warm blooded even in the dark for the pits are sensitive to the slightest change change in temperature.

The fire fighters felt helpless and dejected for they could not do anything to rescue the child.

We can attend the public lecture on democracy or we can go to the field to play rugby. Maria has talent and experience in fashion design yet she cannot find a job.

The house speaker was dressed in a dark grey suit a yellow tiered cotton shirt black socks

and suede shoes.

In Nairobi smoking in public is prohibited and those found get harsh punishment. (10 marks)

c. State the five (5) factors that affect a comprehension. (5marks)