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**2012 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**  
**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Section A is **compulsory**.
2. Answer **any two questions** in Section B.
3. Start each answer on a new page.
4. Poor spelling and grammar will be penalised.

**SECTION A**

**Question 1**

Use the information in Annexure A to answer the following questions.

- a) Identify the 5Ws and H of this story. **[4 marks]**
- b) What kind of intro will you write for this story? **[1 mark]**
- c) Submit an outline of the story, using the format discussed in class. **[10 marks]**
- d) Use the outline and the information in the annexure to write a news story. Your story:
  - Should be in the shape of an inverted pyramid.
  - Should be a maximum of **six** paragraphs.
  - Will be published in tomorrow's edition of the *Bulawayo Gazette*. **[25 Marks]**

**Total:** **[40 Marks]**

**Question 2: General Knowledge** **[10 Marks]**

- 1) Which city was recently sued by ZESA over unpaid debts?
- 2) In which city was the Intwasa Arts Festival held?
- 3) Member of which Zimbabwean political party recently accused each other of witchcraft?
- 4) What is cablegate?
- 5) Who is the ZIFA president?
- 6) Who is the president of Palestine?
- 7) Which country denied the Dalai Lama a visa in September?
- 8) What does IMF stand for?
- 9) Who is Bill Gates?

10) Which celebrity couple is known as Brangelina?

## SECTION B

### Question 3

Read the story in Annexure B and answer the following questions:

a) Identify five ways in which this story deviates from what is required of a news story.

[5 marks]

b) Re-write the story using the guidelines discussed in class.

[20 marks]

**Total:**

[25 Marks]

### Question 4

a) Identify and explain five principles that should guide journalists in their work.

[15 marks]

b) Identify and explain the four roles news reporters should play in order to serve the public interest.

[10 marks]

**Total:**

[25 Marks]

### Question 5

You're a reporter with a Bulawayo daily newspaper and your news editor has assigned you to interview the Mayor of Bulawayo about the city's unemployment problems.

Describe how you would:

i. Prepare for the interview.

[5 marks]

ii. Conduct the interview.

[10 marks]

iii. Prepare to write your story.

[10 marks]

**Total:**

[25 marks]

## ANNEXURE A

You are a reporter for the *Bulawayo Gazette*. This afternoon, you receive the following statement from police spokesperson Thabo Dube:

Mr John Ncube and his wife, Senzeni, were driving to their home in Mzilikazi this morning, after shopping in the city centre. Mr and Mrs Ncube were in the front of their Toyota pick-up. Their three children were travelling in the back - Paul, aged nine; Rachel, aged seven; and Miriam, aged three.

Driving past Mpilo Hospital they met a truck travelling in the opposite direction. This was a semi-trailer belonging to Pacific Earthmoving Inc, carrying a 12-ton bulldozer. The truck was driven by Mr Lewis Mahachi, who comes from Njube.

The pick-up ran out of control and collided head-on with the semi-trailer. Mr and Mrs Ncube and their two elder children died instantly. Miriam was taken to Mpilo with serious injuries and died later. The pick-up was a write-off. The semi-trailer suffered only minor damage. Mr Mahachi was also taken to hospital and treated for shock, but was later allowed home.

We have interviewed Mr Mahachi. We are unlikely to charge him with any offence.

## ANNEXURE B

# Bust with nine bags of dagga

By THOKOZANI MAGAGULA

"HELLO, officer, we've got a car full of dagga!"

That's what the two women in the tiny Mazda 323 might just as well have said.

Because when the car was waved down at a routine roadblock on the N2, outside Sheepmore in Mpumalanga, on Thursday afternoon, the women made a U-turn.

Of course the cops soon caught up with them and asked; "Why the U-turn?"

It was the women's answer that amazed the cops.

"Oh, sorry officer, but we have "ugwayi" (tobacco) in this car," said one woman.

"We are from Swaziland, and we are taking this ugwayi to our customers in Ermelo!"

The cops looked inside the car and found dagga in the boot and under all the seats.

At least nine 50kg bags of dagga worth R800 000 was found.

The two women, aged 45 and 46, were arrested.

■ A white Toyota Corolla, on its way from Ermelo to Piet Retief, was also bust with dagga.

Like the Mazda, the Corolla had bags sticking out of the rear windows and each bag was filled to the brim with dagga.

The suspects will appear in court soon.

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