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**FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND MEDIA STUDIES
PHOTOJOURNALISM: (IJM 4105)
DECEMBER 2005 EXAMINATION
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer **any four** questions.
2. Start each answer on a new page.
3. Poor spelling and grammar will be penalised.

Question 1

“Pictures in photojournalism are constructed in exactly the same manner as news stories are constructed. In other words pictures represent mediated reality.” Discuss.

[25 marks]

Question 2

“Pictures used in the Print media in Zimbabwe have a design value more than a news value.” With reference to the above statement, critically evaluate the usage of pictures in the Zimbabwean media.

[25 marks]

Question 3

“In photojournalism, the equipment that one has at his or her disposal is the single most important determinant to picture quality”. Do you agree with this assertion?

[25 marks]

Question 4

Your news editor has asked you to accompany journalists on the following assignments. Briefly describe the four pictures that you will anticipate to take for each assignment and give reasons for your choice.

- a) Two popular soccer teams Highlanders and Dynamos are clashing at Barbourfields at 3:30pm.
- b) Several children have been reported dead from famine in Insiza.
- c) One of Bulawayo’s biggest companies is due to hold a press conference at 2:30pm to announce that they are ceasing operations due to lack of foreign currency.
- d) The minister of water resources will be commissioning a dam in Beitbridge.
- e) A local funeral company will be making donations to an orphanage in Bulawayo.

[25 marks]

Question 5

a) Using your knowledge of photojournalism, critique the pictures in Annexure one and two. **[15 marks]**

b) Write captions to go along with the pictures in (a). **[10 marks]**

TOTAL: [25 marks]

Question 6

You are a photojournalist working for a new publication, Fort-Worth Telegraph in Ghana and have been assigned to cover the execution of President Samuel Doe's rivals. Discuss how you would capture the scene and use the picture taking into account the ethical issues involved in photojournalism. **[25 marks]**