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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC RELATIONS  
PUBLIC RELATIONS THEORY, FUNCTIONS AND TECHNIQUES IJM  
(7101)**

**JANUARY 2008 SUPPLEMENTARY SEXAM  
TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS OF CANDIDATES**

1. Section A is **compulsory**.
2. Answer **any three** questions in Section B
3. Poor spelling and grammar will be penalised.

**SECTION A**

**QUESTION 1**

(a) Majoni, a large children's organization received a cash donation of US \$20 000 from the Netherlands government. Using the standard format, write a news release of approximately 500 words announcing this information to the news media. {20 marks}

(b) "Good public relations is dependent on good media relations". Critically evaluate the importance of good media relations in PR. {20}

**Section B: Answer any three questions.**

**QUESTION 2**

As a PR manager of a large chemical manufacturer, you receive a telephone call that the factory has accidentally released a large quantity of smelling fumes into the surrounding area. Explain the PR activities you would perform or should avoid when handling this crisis. {20}

**QUESTION 3**

Define public relations distinguishing it from:

- i. Publicity
- ii. Advertising
- iii. Propaganda

iv. Marketing

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**QUESTION 4**

Discuss the influence of corporate culture in the structure and operation of organisations. [20]

**QUESTION 5**

Evaluate some of the limitations of professional codes of conduct in the guidance of practitioners. [20]

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