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Main Examination Paper

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This examination paper consists of 4 pages

Time Allowed: 3 hours
Total Marks: 100
Special Requirements: None
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INSTRUCTIONS

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

MARK ALLOCATION

QUESTION	MARKS
1.	40
2.	25
3.	35

QUESTION 1

- (a) What is news? **(5marks)**
- (b) Distinguish between hard and soft news. Use examples. **(5 marks)**
- (c) Identify **FIVE** news values and explain them fully. Use current news stories as examples **(30 marks)**

TOTAL **[40 Marks]**

QUESTION 2

- (a) What do you understand by the **5Ws** and the **H**? **(5 marks)**
- (b) What are news sources and why are they important to journalists? Use examples to explain your answer. **(10 marks)**
- (c) Explain the meaning of the following terms in journalism
- (i) Slug
 - (ii) Morgue
 - (iii) Anchor
 - (iv) Genre
 - (v) By-line
 - (vi) Diary
 - (vii) Conference
 - (viii) Tabloid
 - (ix) Scoop
 - (x) Spike

(10 marks)

TOTAL **[25 Marks]**

QUESTION 3

Use **Annexure A** to write an **inverted pyramid** news story. Write a maximum of 10 paragraphs. Assume the information was released today. **[35 Marks]**

Annexure A

ARREST OF FOUR SUSPECTS FOR ARMED ROBBERY CASES INVOLVING GOLD CARBONS IN FILABUSI AND ESIGODINI

10th OCTOBER 2022

The Zimbabwe Republic Police confirms the arrest of Candy Moyo(27), Busani Ndlovu(20), Prince Moyo(31) and Tavona Zhou(45) in connection with a spate of armed robbery cases involving theft of gold carbons which occurred between 11 August 2022 and 28 September 2022 in Filabusi and Esigodini.

On 29 September 2022, detectives in Filabusi arrested Candy Moyo after receiving information that linked him to robbery cases targeting gold carbons. The suspect implicated Busani Ndlovu(20) and Prince Moyo(31) who were arrested at Macoomba Mine, Filabusi. Further investigations by the Police led to the arrest of Tavonga Zhou and the recovery of a get-away motor vehicle, a Honda Fit, registration number AFN 0092.

The suspects are linked to three cases of armed robbery which include then one which occurred on 11 August 2022 where the suspects pounced at Cowslip 37 Mine, whilst armed with machetes, a bolt cutter and hammer, before stealing 400kgs of gold carbons valued at \$417 000. In another case, which occurred on 1st September 2022 the True Blue Mine, Filabusi, The suspect attacked two complainants before stealing ZWL\$80, a cellphone and 250kgs of gold carbons.

The Zimbabwe Republic Police is appealing for information which may lead to the arrest of the suspects' accomplices, only identified as Honest Phiri, Nqobile Dube, Joachim Mangena and Marko Moyo. Anyone with information should contact Matebeleland South Operations on 020284 22323/ 08428 22834 or National Complaints Desk on (0242)703631, WhatsApp on 0712 800 197 or report at any nearest Police Station.

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