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**IJM4120**

**Special Examination Paper**

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This examination paper consists of 2 pages

**Time Allowed:** 3 hours  
**Total Marks:** 100  
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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer any **TWO** questions
2. Do not repeat material.
3. Poor spelling and grammar will be penalised.

**MARK ALLOCATION**

| <b>QUESTION</b> | <b>MARKS</b> |
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| 1.              | 50           |
| 2.              | 50           |
| 3.              | 50           |
| 4.              | 50           |

## QUESTION 1

Look at the story ideas below. Decide for each what kind of numerical or statistical information is needed to strengthen the story.

- a) A government minister has outraged nurses by making a speech in which she alleges: 'Too many nurses are lazy. They spend their days drinking tea, while patients wait outside the clinics.' [10 marks]
- b) Local shop owners are complaining that a major construction site in the city centre is polluting the air and threatening the health of their workers and customers. [10 marks]
- c) A prominent church minister has started a national campaign against what he describes as "the highest levels of teenage immorality in our history". [10 marks]
- d) Your national broadcaster has issued a press statement claiming that recent TV series on family life "got the whole nation engaged with the issues". [10 marks]
- e) The maize farmers' national organization announces it will be raising prices because of "unprecedented adverse weather conditions this year". [10 marks]

**TOTAL:** [50 Marks]

## QUESTION 2

Discuss the **FIVE** approaches to interviewing and show how investigative reporting differs from interviewing for an ordinary story. [50 Marks]

## QUESTION 3

Discuss the contention that investigative reporting is part of the role of the press of preserving social and moral order. [50 Marks]

## QUESTION 4

Using the **Mobilisation Model** of investigative reporting, discuss the relationship between democracy and investigative reporting. [50 Marks]