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**TITLE OF PAPER: NEWS REPORTING**

**COURSE CODE: JMC 217**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Answer **THREE** questions.

Spelling and grammar will count in grading.

Use your own examples to illustrate your answer(s).

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### **Question 1**

Explain the types of microphones you would use for the following interviews and why?

- a) Interviewing one person in a studio
- b) Interviewing four people in the studio.
- c) An in-depth interview in someone's home.
- d) An interview with someone in the street.

**(20 Marks)**

### **Question 2**

If you were conducting a radio interview how would you:

- a) Set up the interview
- b) Deal with distractions
- c) Handle your microphone
- d) Check voice levels

**(20 Marks)**

### **Question 3**

Write a radio news script for Radio Swaziland based on the attached newspaper article.

**(20 Marks)**

### **Question 4**

Explain what the following equipment is used for:

- a) MiniDisc
- b) Console
- c) DAT
- d) Boom Microphone

**(20 Marks)**

**Question 5**

Analyse critically the coverage of news in the mainstream media in Swaziland.

**(20 Marks)**

**Question 6**

Explain the following:

- a) Sound Bite
- b) News Clip
- c) Pre-fade
- d) Producers
- e) Multi-tasking

**(20 Marks)**

# MARCHING STUDENTS TEARGASED

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HELL almost broke loose when police fired tear gas to marching students from the country's tertiary institutions after they blocked cars and threatened its drivers while on their way to the Prince of Wales sports ground.

This happened below the MTN building next to the traffic lights leading to the Four Square Supermarket when the students went berserk and blocked a kombi and a sedan driving towards The Mall direction.

It could not be ascertained what the students wanted from the motorist but some said they were provoked.

The police, who were all over the streets leading to the Prince of Wales, acted fast to bring the situation under control. Seeing that the students were too many the police decided to fire the tear gas.

Fortunately, none of the students were injured during the commotion.

The students were on their way to the Prince of Wales, where they were to board transport to their different institutions after delivering a petition to the



WHERE: SNUS President Maxwell Dlamini handing over the petition to Labour Minister Under Secretary Maxwell Dlamini.

Minister of Labour and Social Security Magobetane Mamba. They petitioned the minister over the scholarship policy. The petition was received by the ministry's Under Secretary (US), Maxwell Dlamini, on behalf of the minister, who was reportedly in a meeting.

President of the UNISWA Students Representative Committee (SRC) Phasika Dlamini condemned the stu-

dents' behaviour, saying it was unaccomplished their mission, that of delivering the petition to the minister.

However, he also blamed the police for failing to clear the road for them on their way back to the Prince of Wales as they did before the petition was delivered.

"We were forced to share the road with cars which was tempting to the students such that some of them even jumped on the bakkes.

"I believe the police should have cleared the road for us," he said. Dlamini (Phasika) also confirmed that none of the students were injured during the commotion, adding that they also drove safely back to their different institutions.

## Government given three days to act

STUDENTS from the different tertiary institutions have given government three working days to act on the issue of the scholarship policy or face the consequences.

They said they were ready to ground the whole country if government failed to give them a positive response on Monday on whether it would continue implementing the scholarship policy or not.

They said if government failed to respond, they would engage in protest marches after classes in

the afternoon so they could be protected from being sent home.

All the country's universities and colleges have a law which states that in the case students were engaged in a strike action and were not in class within 48 hours, the colleges and universities would be closed.

President of the Swaziland National Union of Students (SNUS) Maxwell Dlamini said they would decide where to stage their action but would do it in all the colleges and universities.

## Students to invade minister's home

THE tertiary students have threatened to take the march against the Scholarship policy to new heights by invading the

Minister of Labour and Social Security Magobetane Mamba's home to make their point.

"If need be we would also march to the Minister of Labour and Social Security

Magobetane's home where, we would toyi-toyi and make sure that he is inconvenienced until he brings a positive response," said Swaziland National Union of Students (SNUS) Maxwell Dlamini.

He told the students to be ready for more action if government

did not respond to their satisfactory.

### Scholarship

"The students will not be held responsible should anything happen in the country if the ministry proceed with the illegal and unjust implementation of the scholarship policy. The brave, courageous, determined yet disciplined students of the country are committed to fight tooth and nail against the implementation of the policy and we are open for further engagement on this important issue," he said.

The students looked ready for this because they clapped their hands in agreement with Dlamini's statement.



WALL FENCE: Police officers from the riot squad