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2017/2018 EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER: MAIN

TITLE OF PAPER: NEWS REPORTING

COURSE CODE: JMC 242

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer THREE (3) questions. At least one question should be from Section B.

Question One is compulsory.

Use your own examples to illustrate answers.

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1 (Compulsory)

What are the processes involved in preparing for and writing a news radio script? (Give examples).

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 2

What is beat reporting? Discuss, using at least three categories of beat reporting.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Discuss the following and their relevance to News Reporting.

- a) Bias
- b) Ethics
- c) Sources (On and Off the record)
- d) Attribution

(20 Marks)

SECTION B

QUESTION 4

- a) Write a news report for a local publication on the attached statement by the World Health Organisation Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, on World Tuberculosis Day 2018.

Also, suggest a headline for the story.

(15 Marks)

- b) Explain the difference between news writing and news reporting giving examples to illustrate your answer.

(5 Marks)

QUESTION 5

Using copyediting symbols, edit the attached stories. Also, make suggestions on how the stories can be improved by the author(s).

(20 Marks)



World Health
Organization

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR **Africa**

Message of Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa, on World TB Day 2018

On 24 March every year, the global community rallies together on World TB Day to focus on how best to defeat tuberculosis (TB), an old disease that can be prevented and treated, but continues to afflict and kill many people.

This year's theme is ***"Wanted: Leaders for a TB-free world"***. It seeks to build momentum towards the first UN General Assembly high-level meeting on TB in September this year, when Heads of State and governments and key players will resolve to end TB through urgent, global actions to achieve a TB-free world.

Although the African Region has made good progress in controlling TB, we still have the world's highest levels of the disease, and only half of existing TB cases are being found by our health systems. We have the most patients infected with both HIV and TB, and are seeing alarming increases in the forms of TB that resist treatment with common medicines. Finally, governments are contributing only a quarter of the resources needed to provide adequate TB services, and 40% of needs remain unfunded.

A TB-free world will only be achieved through leaders who champion efforts to end TB at local level. At the "First Ministerial Conference on Ending TB" in Moscow in November 2017, 75 ministers from the African Region committed to end TB. Member States of the African Union finalized a Common African Position on TB (CAP-TB) on the sidelines of that historic conference.

Leaders have tremendous influence to build strong partnerships and commitment to end the TB epidemic at every level. I therefore call on governments, parliamentarians and policy-makers to drive ambitious plans that will accelerate TB control at national level.

I call upon health workers, nongovernmental organizations and technicians to maximize the use of proven methods to diagnose and successfully treat all types of TB, and for researchers to do the scientific studies needed to inform policies to help improve and monitor TB services.

I call on community leaders, patient advocacy groups and people affected by TB to partner with Government to ensure access to treatment for all.

I strongly urge Governments to scale up domestic funding for TB control and take responsibility for essential medicines and laboratory supplies. Furthermore, governments should push for universal coverage with proven high quality services.

Since TB is found in communities where human rights and dignity are often overlooked, Governments should lead actions beyond the health sector to address environmental, economic and other factors which increase the risk of TB.

The implementation of these actions requires strong leadership. **We want leaders for a TB-free world.**

WHO in the African Region and the African Union Commission are setting up ways to monitor progress towards ending the TB epidemic by 2030 as called for in the Sustainable Development Goals and End TB Strategy. As Regional Director for the African Region, I will strive continuously to support countries to accelerate actions for a TB-free world.

UNFORTUNATELY UNISWA STUDENTS MISS BOTSWANA TRIP

KWALUSENI – Delayed allowances causes students to miss intervarsity games that will be held at Botswana for a week.

Normally students rely on their allowances to cater for such situations but since they have not been given allowances the quantity of students who will make it to these games will eventually drop. “Lot of students did register for the trip with the hope that their allowances will be released before the due date, eventually this means that there are still vacancies for those who may be interested.” Said the SRC Secretary General, Sanelisiwe Nxumalo

Nozakhele Ndzimandze a 2nd year Humanities said “I had already planned for this big day but then our hopes have faded as student since up to this day we haven’t received our allowances. Even if we receive it today it will be useless due to the fact that we now receive cheques which take a long process to change into hard cash”.

USISWA STUDENTS GO TO BOTSWANA WITHOUT RECEIVING THEIR ALLOWANCES.

Kwaluseni -It has been two weeks, the University of Swaziland students have returned to class after their class boycotts but they have not yet received their personal allowances up to now. On Friday March 16 they are set go to Botswana for their intervarsity games.

Students are worried as they set off to Botswana without having received their personal allowances. It seems the government has failed Uniswa students this year as it has been almost halfway to the end of the semester but they still have not received their allowances.

Delisile Ngomane a final year Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) student who is also a ladies soccer player said that it is unfair to go to a foreign country without even having a cent to spend there. "I am are just going because I am a participant of the university's ladies soccer team, I can't betray my team", she said.

" Well it is not like we are demanding the allowances but it seems the government has cut us off their budget because we have been looking at all the information posters around the university's corridors hoping to see a memo telling us when to collect our cheques or a list then" said Samukliso Sifundza a humanities third year student .

The Students Representative Committee (SRC) chairperson Phinda Tsabedze said that as the src they have not received any information on the issue of allowances but all they can say is that the ministry of labour and social security has given four hundred and sixty students their allowances. Most of those who received their allowances are the students who are expected to go for internships this year. "We are still waiting to get information of when the rest of the students are going to get their allowances "said Phinda.