



# MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

MAIN CAMPUS

### UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

#### THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

COURSE CODE:

JMC 310

COURSE TITLE:

**INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM** 

**DATE:** 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

**TIME**: 3-5PM

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

Answer Question 1 and any other TWO (2) questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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- 1. Investigative reporting has become synonymous with excellent transformative journalism. Media houses are now increasingly placing high premium on this aspect of reporting.
- a) How is investigative reporting different from the typical news account? (5 marks)
- b) Using illustrations, discuss 6 ways in which technology has aided investigative reporting in Kenya (12 marks)
- c) Discuss 5 legal challenges that investigative journalists face as they try to gather material for their stories (10 marks)
- d) Comment on the claim that 'investigative journalism is a tricky career wrought with serious danger.' (3 marks)

(30 marks)

- 2. Citing examples discuss the role of investigative journalism in society (20 marks)
- 3. Discuss the following in relation to investigative reporting

a) Investigating (5 marks)
b) Undercover (5 marks)
c) Ethics (5 marks)
d) Style book (5 marks)

(5 marks)

(20 marks)

- 4. Investigative journalists take the process of interviewing seriously.
- a) Explain what you understand by the term 'interviewing' (4 marks)
- b) Discuss 4 ways in which 'going undercover' and 'interviewing' are related when it comes to investigative reporting (8 marks)
- c) As a dependable investigative reporter, discuss 4 personal techniques you would use to persuade a reluctant source to give you information (8 marks)
- 5. Multimedia skills are a must for successful investigative reporting
- a) Discuss how you would use multimedia to ensure you carry out effective investigative reporting (8 marks)
- b) Discuss 8 qualities of a competent investigative reporter (8 marks)
- c) Comment on the legal implications of handling public records for the investigative story (4 marks)