

**BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS**  
**PROGRAMME: BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCE HONS DEGREE (HBCOM.SC)**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION**

**HJ104: NEWS GATHERING AND NEWS WRITING**

**DURATION: THREE HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

- **ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.**
- **ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**
- **WRITE LEGIBLY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE.**
- **ERRORS IN GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLINGS WILL BE PENALISED.**
- **CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CLEAR, WELL ORGANISED AND COHERENT ANSWERS.**

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**QUESTIONS**

1. Proofreading and editing are critical processes in news writing. Discuss. [100]
2. In light of recent developments in multiplicity of information sources, should a journalist regard safeguarding the privacy of sources in news writing as important? [100]
3. Discuss the application of Information and Communication Technology tools in news gathering in Zimbabwe and the challenge of the digital divide. [100]
4. Identify challenges faced by journalists in gathering and writing news in Zimbabwe. [100]
5. Explain briefly any six of the following concepts and ideas:
  - a. News
  - b. News in brief
  - c. Lead
  - d. Soft news
  - e. Newspaper
  - f. Tabloid
  - g. Ethics
  - h. Brown envelope syndrome
  - i. Safety of journalists [100]

**END OF EXAMINATION**