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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF  
DIPLOMA IN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION**

**DJMC 0113: ENGLISH FOR WRITERS**

**STREAMS:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 6 /07/ 2021**

**2.30 PM – 4.30 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- This paper has two sections: Section A and B. Question 1 is compulsory.
- Answer any other Two questions from Section B.

**SECTION A**

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) Write an article of between 250 to 300 words on good writing skills. [20 Marks]
- b) Describe five important aspects that you will need to research on before undertaking a writing assignment. [10 Marks]

**SECTION B**

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) Punctuate the following sentences appropriately. [5 Marks]
- i. the cabinet secretary for health said I am not happy that most Kenyans are no longer wearing face masks.
- ii. francis Imbuga authored the play betrayal in the city
- iii. mum when are we going home the child asked

- iv. you need to do the following to be a good journalist read more frequently write regularly be curious and keep expanding your network of friends
- v. mt.elgon is not a volcanic mountain
- b) Construct sentences using the following words as indicated in brackets. Do not change the form of the word. [5 Marks]
  - i. Tear (verb)
  - ii. Return (noun)
  - iii. Stem (verb)
  - iv. Grave (adjective)
  - v. Refuse (adjective)
- c) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions in brackets. [5 Marks]
  - i. The old students had prepared to receive the newcomers. (Rewrite in the passive voice)
  - ii. The meeting has been postponed. (Rewrite replacing 'postponed' with the most appropriate word)
  - iii. My friends have refused to come. (Add a question tag)
  - iv. We demanded to be addressed by the chairperson. (Begin, 'Our....')
  - v. They lost the match because of lack of discipline. (Rewrite beginning, 'Lack of...')
- d) Describe five reasons why any good writer must proofread their work. [5 Marks]

**QUESTION THREE**

Using appropriate illustrations, describe any four styles of writing. [20 Marks]

**QUESTION FOUR**

As a writer, explain five reasons why you need to do research before writing. [20 Marks]

**QUESTION FIVE**

Explain five key areas a good writer should work on to ensure high quality writing.[20 Marks]

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