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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA IN JOURNALISM AND MASS  
COMMUNICATION

DJMC 0113: ENGLISH FOR WRITERS

STREAMS: DJMC

TIME:2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 17/12/2024

8.30 A.M. –10.30 A.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Answer Question ONE (Compulsory) and any other Two.

**QUESTION ONE**

- a. Define the eight parts of speech and provide an example for each [16 marks]
- b. Why is active voice better than passive voice in communication? [4 marks]
- c. Write a 100-word paragraph news story demonstrating descriptive writing style. [10 marks]

**Section B**

2. Explain five aspects you need to research on as a writer to ensure effective writing. [20 marks]
3. Describe the typical stages of the writing process, emphasizing the purpose and activities associated with each stage. [20 marks]
4. Discuss five ways of using appropriate diction when writing. [20 marks]
- 5 a. 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)

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- 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...')
  - b. As a writer, explain five reasons why you need to do research before writing. [10 marks]
  - c. Discuss five reasons why we need to proofread our writing. [5 marks]
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