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**2022 /2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

SPPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

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

COURSE CODE: JMC 224

COURSE TITLE: LOGIC AND RATIONAL THOUGHT

DATE: 11TH AUGUST, 2023

TIME: 8.00 - 10.00AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions. Avoid duplication of materials.

TIME: 2 Hours

QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) List and discuss the major features of philosophy. (6 marks)
- b) Discuss briefly the core branches of philosophy. (12 marks)
- c) Discuss the importance of this course to students of journalism and mass. (12 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Clearly explain the following terms:

- a) Logic (4 marks)
- b) Argument (6 marks)
- c) Premise (4 marks)
- d) Conclusion (6 marks)

QUESTIONS THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the relationship between logic and language. (6 marks)
- b) Explain the meaning and function of a value claim in arguments. (6 marks)
- c) Explain the differences between vagueness and ambiguity, and between verbal and factual disputes. (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using examples explain any five forms of formal fallacies.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss briefly the similarities and differences between extensional and intensional definitional techniques. Support your discussion with your own examples. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the standard rules of a lexical definition. Support your discussion with your own examples. (10 marks)