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## University Examinations 2023/2024

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR  
OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

### BCJ 3355: DESKTOP PUBLISHING

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

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1. **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Answer Questions ONE and any other TWO Questions*

#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

What is Desktop Publishing? (5 Marks)

- a) What makes Desktop publishing different from legacy publishing? (5 Marks)
- b) What is page layout? (5 Marks)
- c) What are the elements of page design? (5 Marks)
- d) Explain the following terms as used in typography: (10 Marks)
  - i. Header
  - ii. Masthead
  - iii. WYSIWYG
  - iv. Widow
  - v. Orphan
  - vi. Kerning
  - vii. Justification
  - viii. Banner
  - ix. Leading
  - x. Gutter

#### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

As a graphic designer and a budding entrepreneur you plan to start a Desktop Publishing unit to provide graphic design services to clients. What equipment will you require in order to establish the unit? (20 Marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain how each of the following Elements of Design aid in page layout. (20 Marks)
- i) Grids
  - ii) Borders
  - iii) White Space
  - iv) Rules
  - v) Headlines

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- i. Listed below are the 12 principles of design. Describe any ten of them. (20 Marks)

- a) Balance
- b) Emphasis
- c) Repetition
- d) Movement
- e) Proportion
- f) White Space
- g) Contrast
- h) Hierarchy
- i) Rhythm
- j) Pattern
- k) Variety
- l) Unity

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

You have been provided with an illustration of the Adobe InDesign Tool Kit. Identify each tool and what each is used for.





