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**END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION: 2019/2020**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

**(MIOTSO CAMPUS)**

**COMM 207: INTRODUCTION TO BROADCAST JOURNALISM**

**TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS**

**LEVEL: 200**

**STUDENT ID No.....**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO (2) QUESTIONS IN THE ANSWER  
BOOKLET**

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INVIGILATOR.**

**LECTURER: ABENA A. GYAMPO**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS IN THE ANSWER BOOKLET**

1. Bearing in mind the writing style for broadcast news, rewrite the two stories attached to the question paper to be read on television as a news bulletin. Take note of the organisation and technicalities involved in Television news writing. (Award 10marks for each copy. (20 marks)
  
2. No one speaks as he writes or writes as he speaks; writing for broadcast is a compromise between the two. Explain this reality with examples the five principles of broadcasting.
  
3. Punctuations in broadcast scripts aid in readability and clarification of meaning. Discuss the following punctuations and explain how they support readability and clarification.
  - Dash
  - Parentheses
  - Hyphen
  - A period
  - ellipsis
  
4. In broadcasting Active voice is the most preferred and it has several advantages. Identify the following sentences and rewrite them in an active voice.
  - THE CHORAL CONTEST WAS WON BY EDNA.
  - THE HEADQUARTERS FLAG WAS STOLEN.
  - HE WAS BORN IN 1952.
  - THE POLITICAL PARTIES WERE NOTIFIED OF THEIR DISQUALIFICATION.
  - THE BOY WAS RESCUED FROM THE BURNING CAR.
  
5. It bears repeating that the structure of a broadcast news story differs from a print story. The print story is written in the “inverted pyramid” style while the broadcast story is written in the “upright pyramid” style. Explain the parts of a broadcast story.

# Three die in shoot-out with police

By Emma Erin Abbey, ACCRA

THREE suspected robbers were shot and killed at dawn yesterday during a shoot-out with the police at Weija in Accra.

The suspects, who have been under police surveillance for the past three months, were said to have been involved in most of the robberies and car snatching operations within and around Ghana, Bortanor, Weija, Kokrobite and Kasoa.

They were identified by the police as Kwame Saka, Jah Kide and Joe.

## Car snatching

Briefing journalists, the Accra Regional Police Commander, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCOP) Mr George Alex Mensah, said the three suspects had succeeded in snatching a number of vehicles and the police were on their heels.

He said the three recently attacked a man, whose identity is being protected by the police, and hijacked his Range Rover. Unfortunately, they were not able to bolt

with the vehicle and they abandoned it after jansacking it.

They allegedly took away some valuable items, including an iPad and an unspecified amount of money from the vehicle.

The abandoned vehicle was later retrieved by the police.

## Shooting

Unknown to the three suspects, the police were monitoring their movements.

They allegedly undertook another car snatching operation last Thursday dawn.

Mr Mensah said at about 1 a.m. last Thursday, the suspected robbers attempted to snatch a vehicle but the occupants of the vehicle were policemen who were undertaking an undercover patrol operation.

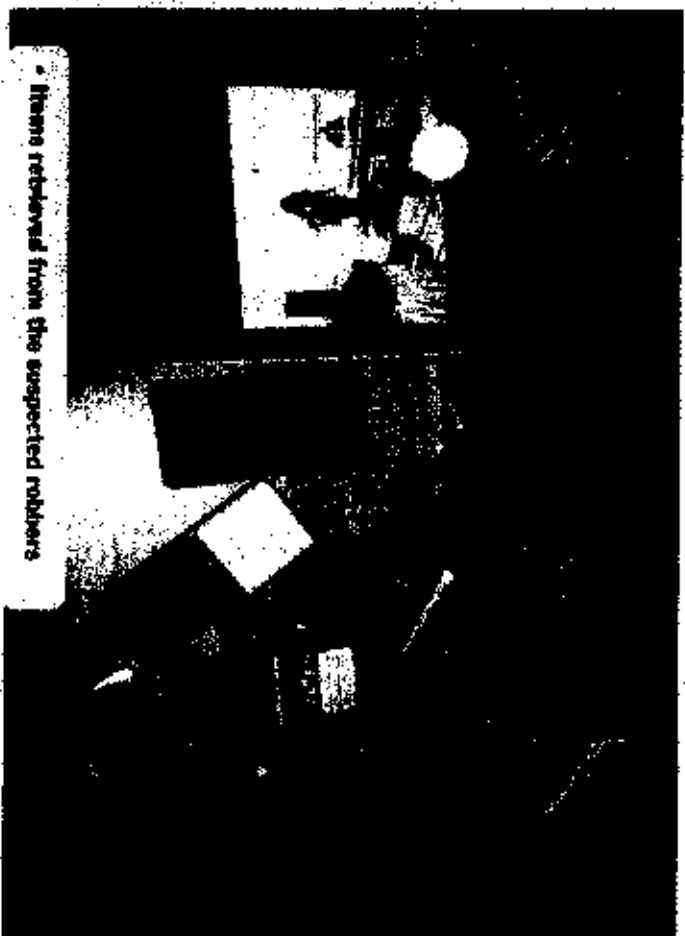
They exchanged gunshots with the police and in the course of the shoot-out, the police gunned down the three suspects.

A search on them led to the retrieval of the iPad that was stolen from the Range Rover, locally manufactured pistols with nine rounds of BB cartridges, a Browning

pistol with five rounds of nine millimetre ammunition and five mobile phones.

Mr Mensah used the opportunity to

caution criminals, especially robbers, "to quit their nefarious activities or face the police squarely."



Items retrieved from the suspected robbers

# Atlanta boy, three, beaten to death over a cupcake

ATLANTA (USA), FEBRUARY 1

TWO sisters in the US city of Atlanta have been charged over the killing of a three-year-old boy whose only crime, police said, was taking a cupcake.

Police said Kejuan Mason sneaked the cupcake from the kitchen while at home with Glendria and Lashirley Morris.

According to the indictment, Lashirley beat the child with a baseball bat while her sister Glendria, his legal guardian, spanked him with her hand.

He died from blunt force trauma to his head and his torso, say medics.

The two sisters gave conflicting accounts of what happened on October 30, initially claiming he had choked on the cupcake, said media reports based on police sources.

They have been charged with two counts of felony murder, one count of aggravated assault and two counts of cruelty in the first-degree.

They face life in prison without parole if found guilty.

According to reports, the child's mother had lost custody of her son when she lost her home, but she was attempting to get him back.

She had asked a judge to remove Kejuan from Glendria's care when she noticed he had scratches and bruises, but her request was denied three days before he died, reported the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, a newspaper in the Georgia state capital.