

## MA Journalism – Written Test

Please follow the notes below to complete the written assessment for this course, you will need to submit this at the point when you submit your application. This will be judged against clear criteria. When assessing sample manuscripts from MA applications, staff are looking for work of at least a satisfactory (pass) standard in terms of language, content, observation, structure and voice.

**Headline:** Man assaulted in supermarket car park

**Location:** Derby Road, Beeston

**Details:** A 29-year-old Beeston man was attacked in the car park of the Tesco supermarket in Derby Road, Beeston, in the early hours of New Year's Day.

Two men are suspected of assaulting him at 2.10am.

It is thought they were then involved in an altercation with two other men at 2.25am.

CCTV footage shows a number of passers-by watched this fight. But the incident was not reported to police and it is not known whether any of the men were injured.

The man assaulted in the first incident was taken to the intensive care unit at the Queen's Medical Centre with serious injuries. He died at 6.58am.

Police would like to speak to anyone who witnessed either incident or may know the identity of the two men. One of them is white, around 20 years old, between 5ft 11ins and 6ft tall, and of medium build. He has shoulder-length brown hair and was wearing a black jacket and blue jeans. The second man is also white, aged in his mid 20s, and is of stocky build. He had stubbly facial hair and was wearing a dark blue top. Witnesses or anyone with information should contact Nottinghamshire Police on 0300 300 99 99 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

### Notes:

1. Write a story of 70-80 words from the information provided for publication on New Year's Day.
2. Beeston is a suburb of Nottingham just over two miles from the city centre. The Queen's Medical Centre is Nottingham's main hospital.
3. Police are not naming the victim of the supermarket assault until relatives have been informed but have now opened an investigation into his murder.