



TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:

CERTIFICATE IN MASS COMMUNICATION

HMC 1104: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: AUG 2019

TIME: 2HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, Examination Pass and Student ID

This paper consists of five questions. Attempt question ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Identify FOUR functions of media law. (4 marks)
- b) List TWO classifications of law (2 marks)
- c) Describe FOUR reasons why the state can introduce laws that curtail freedom of the press. (4 marks)
- d) Name FOUR sources of Kenyan law. (4 marks)
- e) Describe FIVE differences between laws and ethics. (5 marks)
- f) Describe THREE courts of Kenya and their roles. (6 marks)
- g) Explain FIVE defenses for defamation. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

a) Describe FIVE rights of the press. (10 marks)

b) Explain FIVE instances where a person could be charged for contempt of court. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Discuss TEN ethical issues affecting media practice. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

a) Describe FIVE responsibilities of Communications Commission of Kenya. (10 marks)

b) Explain FIVE main categories of creative works that are protectable by copyright. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Describe TEN codes of conduct for the practice of journalism. (20 marks)