



THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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CERTIFICATE IN MASS COMMUNICATION

(CMC)

INTRODUCTION TO MEDIA LAW

END OF SEMESTER EXAMS

SERIES: APRIL/MAY 2010

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. The paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt three questions in total.
2. Question **ONE** is compulsory.
3. Answer any other **TWO** questions.

- Q.1 (a) Define the following terms:
- (i) Law
 - (ii) Crime
 - (iii) Felony
 - (iv) Misdemeanor
 - (v) Defamation
- (10 marks)
- (b) Explain the functions of law in the society. (10 marks)
- (c) Illustrate the structure of the Kenyan court system. (10 marks)
- Q.2 Discuss **FIVE** sources of law. (20 marks)
- Q.3 (a) Explain **FIVE** types of media ownership in Kenya. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss the importance of legal knowledge to a journalist. (10 marks)
- Q.4 (a) (i) Distinguish between Libel and Slander. (4 marks)
- (ii) State the **THREE** elements of defamation. (6 marks)
- (b) The law is classified into two broad categories. Explain. (10 marks)
- Q.5 Discuss the importance of free press in the society. (20 marks)