



ICM

SEPTEMBER 2015

MEDIA LAW & ETHICS

Instructions to candidates:

- a) Time allowed: Three hours (plus an extra ten minutes' reading time at the start – do not write anything during this time)
 - b) Answer any FIVE questions
 - c) All questions carry equal marks. Marks for each question are shown in []
-
1. It is important for media publications and journalists to be aware of the law in respect of racial hatred. Explain the main offences and defences in respect of inciting racial hatred. [20]
 2. It is not always the case that copyright ownership is clear and easily identified. Analyse the challenges involved in determining who owns copyright of published work. [20]
 3. A court may, at times, find it necessary to postpone its proceedings. Explain the powers of a court to postpone proceedings. [20]
 4. Defendants can draw on a number of defences in respect of an allegation of breach of confidence. Review these defences. [20]
 5. Explain the offence of seditious libel and analyse the punishments if an offence is proven. [20]
 6. One of the key areas of the law which a journalist should have an understanding of is the offence of contempt of court. Analyse the main defences of contempt of court. [20]
 7. Analyse what it will be necessary for a claimant to show when seeking to establish breach of confidence. [20]
 8. A court will review certain factors when coming to a decision on whether or not a publication poses a substantial risk of serious prejudice to the course of justice. Analyse the factors that a court will consider. [20]