



ICM

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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 []
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1. Review the offence of seditious libel and explain the punishments available if a case is proven. [20]
 2. Analyse the specific circumstances which are considered to impose an obligation of confidence. [20]
 3. Human rights legislation has had a significant impact on journalism and the work of journalists. Analyse the ways in which this legislation has influenced journalism as a profession and the work of journalists . [20]
 4. Review the main offences of contempt of court and explain the defences available. [20]
 5. Explain the remedies available to a court should an allegation of breach of copyright be proven. [20]
 6. The imposition of reporting restrictions are a constant challenge facing journalists in many countries. Explain the ways in which a newspaper can challenge reporting restrictions. [20]
 7. Explain the defences that can be used when facing an allegation of libel. [20]
 8. The widespread availability of access to the Internet has presented a considerable challenge to those wishing to prove defamation. Analyse the challenges involved in extending the principles of defamation to the Internet. [20]