



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. A publication can call on a number of defences when subject to a claim of breach of copyright. Discuss the main defences. [20]
 - 2. There are certain circumstances in which it is considered appropriate, and necessary, for a journalist to disclose a source. Analyse the circumstances in which this will be the case. [20]
 - 3. Review the main offences in respect of racial hatred and explain the defences that are typically available. [20]
 - 4. Review the defences available in respect of an allegation of libel. [20]
 - 5. A court has available a number of powers to restrict the publication of information relating to children to the media. Analyse the circumstances in which this is the case. [20]
 - 6. A journalist must be very aware of the offence of contempt of court. If contempt of court is alleged, explain the main defences available. [20]
 - 7. Review the widely utilised devices of assignments of copyright and licences of copyright. [20]
 - 8. Analyse the circumstances in which a publication is likely to be considered obscene. [20]