



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. Analyse EACH of the defences which are typically used when facing an allegation of breach of copyright. [20]
 - 2. Review the principal defences available with regard to an allegation of libel. [20]
 - 3. A court has various courses of action open to it in cases when an allegation of defamation is proven. Analyse the categories of damages available to a court to award. [20]
 - 4. A court will consider various matters when assessing whether or not a publication poses a substantial risk of serious prejudice to the course of justice. Explain what these factors are and review EACH. [20]
 - 5. Explain the circumstances that are likely to result in a publication being deemed to be obscene. [20]
 - 6. Analyse the offences that may lead to a prosecution for inciting racial hatred. [20]
 - 7. Review the methods that a newspaper can pursue to challenge reporting restrictions. [20]
 - 8. A defendant in a case of breach of confidence can call on a number of possible defences. Review EACH of these. [20]