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LEVEL 400

BACS 408: MEDIA LAW & ETHICS

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70 Marks

Time Allowed 2:30 Hours

GENERAL INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:

- Answer **Question 1** and any other **TWO (2)**.
- Present all answers in essay form.
- Marks will be awarded for clarity of expression of ideas and grammar

Write your index number on top of the question paper

Examiner: BoaduAyebofo

Question 1: 30marks

- A) In your own words, what is Media Ethics and Defamation?
- B) Which provision or Article in the 1992 Constitution of Ghana imposes duties or obligations for every right?
- C) Briefly define Contempt of Court
- D) List the Laws of Ghana on a hierarchical order
- E) What is Copyright and the rights protected under the Copyright Law?
- F) Identify and explain TWO defences against defamation.

Question 2: 20marks

- A) List and explain FIVE principles or values underlying the universal code of ethics for media practice.
- B) What is Privacy and what provision under the 1992 Constitution of Ghana protects it?
- C) Identify FIVE ethical breaches commonly found in the Ghanaian media.

Question 3: 20marks

- A) Which provision or Article in the 1992 Constitution of Ghana establishes the National Media Commission?
- B) State THREE functions of the National Media Commission and identify the Article which defines these functions.
- C) What is the membership of the National Media Commission?
- D) Identify FIVE constitutive bodies with representation on the National Media Commission and their respective nominees each?

Question 4: 20marks

- A) State and explain the grounds for establishing defamation
- B) Name the types of defamation that exist and indicate TWO unique differences between them.
- C) How many major defences exist against defamation and which of them provide total immunity for which category of public office holders from prosecution or liability for defamation ?
- D) Indicate which Act of Parliament and section under the Act provide for Copyright protection and for how long

Question 5: 20marks

- A) Which works are protected under the Copyright Law?
- B) How many provisions are in the Code of Ethics of the Ghana Journalists Association?
- C) List FIVE of the provisions under the Code of Ethics of the Ghana Journalists Association
- D) Which Article under the 1992 Constitution of Ghana provides for the independence of the National Media Commission in the performance of its duties and which Article limits the powers or authority in dealing with the day to day activities of the media?