



**CHRISTIAN SERVICE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
**SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS- 2021**

**MEDIA LAW/ETHICS BACS 408**

**Answer three questions, including question ONE and any two others.**

**Time Allowed: Two and a half hours.**

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**QUESTION ONE (30 marks)**

- A) Briefly define media ethics
- B) What are the three grounds for proving or establishing a case of defamation.
- C) What are the processes under Article 11(7) for passing Constitutional and Legislative Instruments into regulations or law.
- D) State and explain Four principles or values that must underline the development of a mass media code of ethics
- E) State the fundamental human rights and freedoms as provided for under Article 21(1) of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana.
- F) State and explain Five ethical breaches common in the Ghanaian media.

**QUESTION TWO (20 marks)**

- A) Explain the Four major defence against defamation.
- B) What rights are protected under the Copyright Law 2005 ( Act 690)
- C) What is contempt of court
- D) Which provision or article under the 1992 Constitution protects privacy

**QUESTION THREE (20 marks)**

- A) Explain the two types of defamation and indicate two differences between them
- B) Name Five of the works protected under the Copyright Law 2005 (Act 690)
- C) Which are the three constitutive bodies under the National Media Commission with more than a Representative each and the exact number of their nominees as provided for under Article 166 of the 1992 Constitution.

D) Under the Copyright Law 2005 (Act 690) for how long is copyright protection guaranteed

QUESTION FOUR (20 marks)

A) Which provision under the 1992 Constitution culminated in the passage of the Right to Information Law 2019 (Act 989)

B) Which Article under the 1992 Constitution demands a balance between rights and freedoms on one hand and obligations and responsibilities on the other hand

C).Identify the categories of public office holders who are provided complete immunity from liability for making defamatory statements about other persons defined as Absolute Privilege.

D).State Four functions of the National Media Commission under Article 167 as well as the

Provision, which debars the Commission from interfering with or directly controlling the work of journalists or media organisations.

QUESTION FIVE (20marks)

A) What are the provisions under Article 19(11) and (12) of the 1992 Constitution in relation to crime and Contempt of Court

B) Which category of courts can commit for Contempt of Court under Article 19(12) of the 1992 Constitution.

C) How many constitutive bodies, as categories, are represented on the National Media Commission and the total number of membership of the Commission

D) Which Article under the 1992 Constitution provides for the supremacy of the sovereignty of the people and how is this stated in the 1992 Constitution.