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SPECIAL EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM & MASS
COMMUNICATION**

COURSE CODE: JMC 321

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

DATE: 17TH JANUARY, 2022

TIME: 2.00 - 4.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions. Avoid duplication of materials.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) As a reporter working for a mainstream media house, you have been arrested for covering some Members of Parliament who frequent a well-known street that is frequented by sex workers. Generate five arguments to prove your innocence in a court of law. (10 marks)
- b) Justify the creation of the following in the control and regulation of media in Kenya i. MCK, CAK, KFCB, MCSK. (10marks)
- c) Explain the status of the Cyber Crimes Act in Kenya. (10marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Justify the application and relevance of the following to the media in Kenya

- i. Natural Law theory
- ii. Realist Law theory
- iii. Marxist Law theory
- iv. Mosaic Laws

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Examine how the following have been used against the smooth functioning of the media in Kenya

- i. Contempt of Court Act
- ii. Invasion of Privacy Act
- iii. Contempt of Parliament
- iv. Classified Information Act

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using specific practical examples, discuss how both journalists and media houses suffered under President Moi's rule

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Even with a clearly spelt out ethical principles, a code of conduct and standards of practice for journalists in Kenya, members of 4th Estate are always caught on the wrong side of the law. With specific examples, discuss this statement in light of the wrongs that journalists commit.