

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE DIPLOMA IN JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION (Y1 S2)

DJM 0107: MEDIA LAWS

Answer Question ONE and Any other TWO

Question 1

- a) Define media law (2 mks)
- b) Explain **FOUR** functions of media law to the society (8 mks)
- c) Define civil law and criminal law (4 mks)
- d) Explain the key differences between media and criminal law (10 mks)
- e) Intellectual property law is concerned with protection of talents, Copyrights, patents and personal rights. In view of this, define the following terms
 - i. Copyright (2 mks)
 - ii. Trademark (2 mks)
 - iii. Patents (2 mks)

Question 2

- a) Define defamation and distinguish between slander and libel. (6 mks)
- b) Briefly describe SIX ways in which journalists can protect themselves from copyright infringement claims (14 mks)

Question 3

- a) Outline any **SIX** ways in which journalists can avoid plagiarism in the course of their duties (12 mks)
- b) Explain any **FOUR** elements of Defamation (8 Mks)

Question 4

- a) Explain **FOUR** legal and ethical considerations associated with sting operations in journalism (8 mks)
- b) Explain **SIX** threats to media freedom in kenya (12 mks)

Question 5

- a. "Fair comment" is a defense available for a case of defamation. Explain **FOUR** qualifications that must be fulfilled for this defense to apply (8 mks)

- b. Duty and obligation are the aspects that renders law coercive. Discuss the meaning of duty and obligation in journalism (2 mks)
- c. Describe **FIVE** sources of information that journalists collect for reporting. (10 mks)

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