

THE COOPERATIVE UNIVERSITY OF KENYA
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC RELATIONS
DMPR 1206: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
SPECIAL EXAM

INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions

Attempt **Question ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

Question ONE carries 30 marks, all other questions carry 20 marks.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Distinguish between Slander and libel as used in the law of Defamation(4Mks)
- b) Identify and explain the defences available to a contempt of court offender (8 Mks)
- c) Examine the defences available for defamation offence(6 Mks)
- d) Briefly explain the differences between laws and ethics (4 Mks)
- e) Discuss the crucial elements that constitute the offence of Defamation (8Mks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Name and briefly explain the various courts in Kenya's legal system and briefly describe their jurisdictions(12 Mks)
- b) Describe the types of conduct, acts and omission that can be termed as amounting to contempt of court (8 Mks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Explain what is meant by breach of confidence in media law (4Mks)
- b) Identify the National Values and Principles of governance provided by the Constitution of Kenya(2010) (8Mks)
- c) Discuss the sources of law in Kenya(8Mks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Freedom of expression and independence of the media are guaranteed by the Constitution of Kenya(2010). In exercise of this freedom and independence, media practitioners are however guided by some basic principles. Briefly discuss the principles that media practitioners are supposed to adhere to (10 mks)
- b) Highlight and briefly discuss the advantages of delegated legislation (6 Marks)
- c) Distinguish between absolute privilege and qualified privilege as a defense to a charge of defamation. (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) The Media Council of Kenya has established as the lead agency in setting media standards and compliance with those standards. Briefly explain the specific functions of the media Council as provided by the Media Council Act, 2013 (12Mks)
- b) Describe the general rules of reporting on obscenity and indecent displays (3 Mks)
- c) Name the superior courts in Kenya's courts structure (5Mks)