

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND MEDIA STUDIES

MEDIA LAW 1: (1JM1211)

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

- 1. Answer ANY four questions**
2. Start each question on a new page
3. Poor spellings and grammar will be penalised

QUESTION 1

To what level of debate can you say Zimbabwe is 'in line' or 'out of step' with international standards of media freedom? **(25 marks)**

QUESTION 2

Can you say, in your own views, that media laws today in Zimbabwe are more repressive than those promulgated in pre independence? **(25 marks)**

QUESTION 3

How is the monopoly of ZBC guaranteed in BSA (Act) and to what extent is it a threat or opportunity to journalism as a practice and media freedom in Zimbabwe? **(25 marks)**

QUESTION 4

Of all the media laws you have learnt in this course, how valid is the contention that AIPPA is the most lethal weapon against media freedom which the power bloc manipulates to buttress its hegemony in Zimbabwe? **(25 marks)**

QUESTION 5

Which defenses can a journalist, media house or publisher use in a lawsuit involving defamation and to what extent are they valid? **(25 marks)**

QUESTION 6

How valid is the contention that online journalism and its associated freedoms pose a potential threat to media laws in Zimbabwe **(25 marks)**