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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) IN JOURNALISM AND MEDIA STUDIES**  
**MEDIA LAW**  
**IJM 1211**

**Final Examination Paper**

**May 2017**

This examination paper consists of 3 pages.

**Time Allowed:** 3 hours  
**Total Marks:** 100  
**Examiner's Name:** Mrs Sandra M. Ngwaru

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer **any Four** Questions.
2. Start each answer on a new page.
3. Poor spelling and grammar will be penalised.

**MARK ALLOCATION**

<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
1.	<b>25</b>
2.	<b>25</b>
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5.	<b>25</b>
6.	<b>25</b>

### QUESTION 1

(a) Define the following concepts:

i. Freedom of expression (2 Marks)

ii. Freedom of the media (2 Marks)

iii. Human rights (2 Marks)

(b) Briefly outline the history of human rights. (7 Marks)

(c) How valid is the contention that there should be no limitations on fundamental freedoms like freedom of expression and freedom of the press? (12 Marks)

**Total [25 Marks]**

### QUESTION 2

(a) What is a constitution and when was the current Zimbabwean constitution adopted? (3 Marks)

(b) Identify and explain sections of the new constitution that establish and guarantee freedom of expression and freedom of the media. (4 Marks)

(c) Assess the validity of the assertion that freedom of expression and freedom of the media are not fully enshrined in the new Zimbabwean constitution. (18 Marks)

**Total [25 Marks]**

### QUESTION 3

(a) Distinguish between media law and media ethics. (3 Marks)

(b) Identify the two basic types of media laws. (2 Marks)

(c) Which organ of the state is responsible for:

i. Making the law (2 Marks)

ii. Implementing the law (2 Marks)

(d) Critically evaluate the contention that statutory regulation is the best form of media regulation. (16 Marks)

**Total [25 Marks]**

#### **QUESTION 4**

(a) Identify and explain a law that affects the use of internet and social media in Zimbabwe.

**(5 Marks)**

(b) With the aid of examples, explain how the internet renders ineffective the laws that have traditionally regulated offline media in Zimbabwe.

**(20 Marks)**

**Total**

**[25 Marks]**

#### **QUESTION 5**

With the aid of examples, discuss the assertion that the enforcement of media laws in Zimbabwe is selective.

**[25 Marks]**

#### **QUESTION 6**

(a) Identify sections of the constitution that provide for the establishment of the Zimbabwe Media Commission.

**(3 Marks)**

(b) Explain the appointment procedure and composition of the Zimbabwe Media Commission.

**(7 Marks)**

(c) List at least five key functions of this commission.

**(5 Marks)**

(d) Explore the possible ways in which its functions can be undermined in the Zimbabwean context.

**(10 Marks)**

**Total**

**[25 Marks]**