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IJM 1213: Media Law
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3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

QUESTION 1

The Defamation laws of Zimbabwe lean far too heavily in favour of protecting individual reputation at the expense of freedom of expression. Discuss. **[25 marks]**

QUESTION 2

What impact has AIPPA had on the functions of journalists? Discuss this in the context of the requirements of a functioning democracy. **[25 marks]**

QUESTION 3

Why are freedom of expression, freedom of the media and freedom of information so important in a democracy? **[25 marks]**

QUESTION 4

To what extent do you think national security is justified as a restriction on the freedom of the press? Use examples to justify your answer. **[25 marks]**

QUESTION 5

Some have described Broadcasting Policy Reform in Zimbabwe as “Change without Change”. How valid is this assessment? **[25 marks]**

QUESTION 6

“Despite the perception of policy as being a benign and apolitical administrative process that is carried out in a spirit of benevolence towards citizens or the public, it is important to note that media policies and media policy-making are manifestly political...” Discuss the dialectic between policy, content and agency.

[25 marks]