

# NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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BSc Honours degree in Journalism and Media Studies

## **IJM 1213: Media Law**

July 2012 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION  
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**

Media policy reforms in Zimbabwe should liberate rather than limit the public sphere.

Discuss.

[25 marks]

#### **QUESTION 2**

Is the offence of criminal defamation necessary?

[25 marks]

#### **QUESTION 3**

To what extent does the Broadcasting Services Act enable the liberalisation of the broadcasting sector in Zimbabwe? Thoroughly justify your answer.

[25 marks]

#### **QUESTION 4**

Discuss the implications of POSA on journalistic practice in Zimbabwe.

[25 marks]

#### **QUESTION 5**

What implications does the commercialisation of the ZBC have on the corporation's public service mandate?

[25 marks]

#### **QUESTION 6**

Analyse the relationship between media law, journalistic practice and democracy.

[25 marks]