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**MEDIA LAW II: HUMAN RIGHTS (IJM 2201)**  
**MAY 2004 EXAMINATION**  
**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Answer the **compulsory** question in **Section A** and **three** questions from **Section B.**
2. Start each answer on a new page.
3. Poor spelling and grammar will be penalised.

**SECTION A: ANSWER THIS QUESTION**

**Question 1**

What are Human Rights? In your opinion how has the media in Zimbabwe promoted the observance of Human Rights?

**[40 marks]**

**SECTION B: ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS**

**Question 2**

‘Freedom of the media and freedom of expression can never be absolute’. How has this statement been illustrated by the media’s coverage of Human Rights violations? Give examples in your answer.

**[20 marks]**

**Question 3**

To what extent are media laws in Zimbabwe consistent with regional and international instruments on freedom of expression?

**[20 marks]**

**Question 4**

The media in Zimbabwe does not adequately cover the violation of the rights of the child as enshrined in the United Nations Convention of the Right of the Child and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the child. Discuss.

**[20 marks]**

**Question 5**

Human rights, good governance and democracy, are concepts being used by Western countries to maintain their interests in Africa. To what extent is this statement true? Give examples in your answer.

**[20 marks]**

**Question 6**

Most of the stories carried by the Zimbabwe media on Human Rights abuses, violate media ethics in one way or the other. Discuss.

**[20 marks]**