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MEDIA LAW II: HUMAN RIGHTS (IJM 2201)

MAY 2005 EXAMINATION

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Section A is **compulsory**
2. Answer **any three** questions in section B.
3. Start each question on a new page.
4. Poor spelling and grammar will be penalised.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

Question 1

With the aid of examples, discuss the extent to which Zimbabwe conforms to provisions of the African Charter on Broadcasting. [25 marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question 2

“...Some Africans still view the concern for human rights as a rich man’s luxury for which Africa is not yet ready, or even a conspiracy imposed by the industrialised West. I find these thoughts demeaning ... Do not African mothers weep when their sons and daughters are killed or tortured by agents of oppressive rule? Do not African fathers suffer when their children are unjustly sent to jail? Is not Africa as a whole the poorer when just one of its voices is silenced? Human rights...are African rights. They are Asian rights; they are European rights; they are American rights. They belong to no government; they are limited to no continent, for they are fundamental to humankind itself.” Discuss this statement in the context of human rights issues in Africa. [25 marks]

Question 3

Critically evaluate the role of the independent media in the promotion of Human Rights in Zimbabwe. [25 marks]

Question 4

“In an African context, economic and social rights are more important but our media seems to be obsessed with civil and political rights”. This means the media have their priorities wrong”. To what extent do you agree with this statement? Give examples in your answer. [25 marks]

Question 5

The media laws in Zimbabwe are an impediment to the media's ability to report on Human Right issues. To what extent do you agree with this assertion? Give examples in your answer.
[25 marks]

Question 6

To what extent do you think the media has managed to effectively monitor and report on the cultural rights of the various groups in Zimbabwe?
[25 marks]