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MEDIA LAW II: HUMAN RIGHTS (IJM 2201)

JULY 2005 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

TIME ALLOWED: 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

In your opinion, which of the three generations of rights is more important? Give reasons in your answer. **[25 marks]**

Question 2

Critically evaluate the role of the Zimbabwean media in the promotion of Human Rights. **[25 marks]**

Question 3

The independent Media and the international media depict the rule of law as the missing factor in the Zimbabwean crisis. Do you agree, give examples. **[25 marks]**

Question 4

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the other major Human Rights Instruments are not context specific and are seen as biased towards “western” values. How far true is this statement?. **[25 marks]**

Question 5

- a) What do you understand by the concept of the Media as a watchdog? **[10 marks]**
- b) To what extent do you think the media has managed to effectively monitor and report on the following:
 - i) Rights of women. **[5 marks]**
 - ii) Cultural rights of various groups in Zimbabwe. **[10 marks]**

TOTAL: [25 marks]

Question 6

With reference to at least three media laws in Zimbabwe, describe how they promote media freedom and freedom of expression

[25 marks]