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This examination paper consists of 2 pages

Time Allowed: 3 hours
Total Marks: 100
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Section **A** is compulsory.
2. Answer **any Two** questions from Section **B**.
3. Do not REPEAT MATERIAL.
4. Start each answer on a new page.
5. Poor spelling and grammar will be penalised.

MARK ALLOCATION

QUESTION	MARKS
1.	40
2.	30
3.	30
4.	30
5.	30

SECTION A

QUESTION 1

With the aid of examples, discuss trends characterising the public media's coverage of human rights violations in Zimbabwe. **[40 marks]**

SECTION B

QUESTION 2

"As Africa democratises, there is considerable concern that the liberties of democracy will unleash ethnic rivalries whose embers are forever smoldering in African countries and destroy the fragile unity of African countries" (Claude Ake, 2000: 92).

Using **ANY TWO** African countries (**with the exception of Zimbabwe**) as case studies, critically discuss the above assertion in relation to the role played by media in conflict situations in Africa. **[30 marks]**

QUESTION 3

NgugiwaThiong (1995: 50) is of the view that while the mass media has played an important part in the attempted democratisation of Africa with varied results, there are still a few major obstacles that have to be dealt with before democracy can be fully operational in Africa.

With reference to the above statement, explore the obstacles in the path to Africa's democratisation. **[30 marks]**

QUESTION 4

Discuss the view that it is wrong to isolate the struggle for human rights from that of social and economic development of societies. **[30 marks]**

Question 5

Describe the influence of the Internet on democracy and social movements. **[30 marks]**