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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) IN JOURNALISM AND MEDIA STUDIES

MEDIA LAW

IJM 1211

Main Examination Paper

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This examination paper consists of 3 pages.

Time Allowed: 3 hours
Total Marks: 100
Special Requirements: None
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Section A is compulsory.
2. Answer **any THREE (3) questions** from section B.
3. Start each answer on a new page.
4. Poor spelling and grammar will be penalised.

MARK ALLOCATION

QUESTION	MARKS
1.	40
2.	20
3.	20
4.	20
5.	20

SECTION A

QUESTION 1

- a. Define Freedom of Expression (2 marks)
- b. Discuss provisions for freedom of expression according to the following international and regional instruments
- i. Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) (5 marks)
 - ii. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) (5 marks)
 - iii. African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights (ACHPR) (5 marks)
 - iv. Windhoek Declaration (5 Marks)
- c. Which section of the Lancaster House constitution guaranteed freedom of Expression? (1 mark)
- d. Which section of the 2013 constitution provides for freedom of expression? (1 mark)
- e. Which section of the 2013 constitution provides for Access to Information? (1 mark)
- f. Identify and explain any two major differences between the Lancaster House constitution and the 2013 constitution in terms of provisions on freedom of expression. (10 marks)
- g. Under what circumstances is freedom of expression excluded in the 2013 Constitution? (5 marks)

TOTAL [40 Marks]

SECTION B

QUESTION 2

- a. What does the 2013 constitution stipulate in section 61 sub-section 3? (3 marks)
- b. Which law was enacted to support the constitutional provisions explained above? (2 Marks)
- c. Explain the criticisms of provisions of the Act that regulate:
- i. The establishment of the Broadcasting Authority of Zimbabwe (5 marks)
 - ii. Licensing of broadcasting media (5 marks)

iii. Content	(5 marks)
TOTAL	(20 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Critically evaluate the argument that the government of Zimbabwe has failed to promote media freedom, freedom of expression and access to information. **(20 Marks)**

QUESTION 4

Discuss the positives and negatives of the three laws that repealed the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (AIPPA) **(20 Marks)**

QUESTION 5

Discuss how the internet and its related technologies compromise the enforcement of the following media laws in Zimbabwe

- a. Broadcasting Services Act (BSA) **(7 marks)**
- b. Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act **(7 marks)**
- c. Freedom of Information Act **(6 marks)**

TOTAL **(20 Marks)**