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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. Explain the following terms:
- i. Freedom of Expression (5 Marks)
 - ii. Access to Information (5 Marks)
- b. Identify **ONE international instrument** and **ONE regional instrument** and evaluate their provisions on freedom of expression. (10 marks)
- c. With reference to Zimbabwe's constitution:
- i. Is Freedom of Expression explicitly guaranteed? (10 Marks)
 - ii. Under what circumstances is freedom of expression and freedom of the media excluded? (10 Marks)

TOTAL

[40 Marks]

SECTION B

QUESTION 2

Discuss the extent to which media laws in Zimbabwe align with the current constitutional provisions. (20 Marks)

QUESTION 3

- a. Which section and sub-section of the constitution makes provisions for the regulation of broadcasting and electronic media? (2 marks)
- b. Which law was enacted to regulate the broadcasting sector in Zimbabwe? (2 marks)
- c. Which board was established to oversee the enforcement of the Act? (2 marks)
- d. In your opinion, is the board independent of control by government or by political interests? Explain. (10 marks)
- e. In what ways do you think this law might affect:
- i. Media diversity (2 marks)

ii. Freedom of Expression

(2 marks)

TOTAL

[20 Marks]

QUESTION 4

Discuss how the following laws address the shortcomings of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (AIPPA):

- a. Freedom of Information Act
- b. Zimbabwe Media Commission Act
- c. Data Protection Act

(7 marks)

(7 marks)

(6 marks)

TOTAL

[20 Marks]

QUESTION 5

Discuss how the internet and its related technologies have undermined the relevance of media laws in Zimbabwe.

(20 Marks)