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COURSE CODE: MAC411
COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
UNITS: 3
TIME: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS. (17.5 MARKS EACH)

1. Law is very wide and all encompassing; every profession has its own law or form of law. Examine the importance of law from three angles. **(17.5 Marks)**
2. Ethics can be regarded as being concerned with that which holds society together or provides the stability and security essential to the living of human life. Discuss three reasons ethics are important to the society. **(17.5 Marks)**
3. Many writers lay emphasis on the primary functions of the media when discussing the roles of the media within a society, as being that of information, education, entertainment, commercial and cultural integration. Apart from these already stated functions, discuss the role of the mass media in five other aspects of human life. **(17.5 Marks)**
4. Various institutions are responsible for the administration and maintenance of the legal profession in Nigeria; briefly discuss three of such institutions, describing them and stating their functions. **(17.5 Marks)**
5. Identify five factors that threaten press freedom in Nigeria and clearly explain how each factor constitutes a threat to the freedom of the press. **(17.5 Marks)**
6. Media professionals are guided by the journalistic principle to ensure that the state is secure. Identify five guide lines that power this principle of ensuring state security. **(17.5 Marks)**

