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2020 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: MAC423**  
**COURSE TITLE: BOOK PUBLISHING AND THE LAW**  
**UNIT: 3**  
**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

1. The government from time to time does classify certain documents into secret ones whose contents should not be reported or seen by unauthorised persons and/or be published.
  - (a) State and explain such classifications. **(10 Marks)**
  - (b) Give appropriate examples of the classification. **(7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Marks)**
  
2.
  - (a) Explain to a novice the reason for the promulgation of the Official Secrets Act by the colonial government in 1891 **(7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**
  - (b) Explain to a year one student what you understand by the word "Piracy." **(10 marks)**
  
3.
  - (a) What do you understand by the law of Sedition? **(8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>marks)**
  - (b) What can make the government charge a journalist to court for sedition? **(9marks)**
  
4.
  - (a) Kindly enumerate to an emerging author the relevance of book indexing **(10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**
  - (b) Write briefly on the poor reading culture in Nigeria and how it can be solved. **(7 marks)**
  
5. State and explain the trends in Global Book Publishing that changed the traditional way of publishing books in Nigeria. **(17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**
  
6.
  - (a) Write a short note on the law of defamation, stating the difference between slander and libel **(10 Marks)**.
  - (b) How can a person know that he/she has been defamed **(7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**