



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION
2021_2 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: MAC 411

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

UNITS: 3

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

1. (a) Explain how law brings about change and transformation in society.
(b) State five differences between law and ethics.
(c) Identify five entities that threaten press freedom. **(25 Marks)**
2. Media professionals are guided by the journalistic principle to ensure that the state is secure. Provide details of this principle. **(15 Marks)**
3. (a) What is libel?
(b) Identify and describe the forms of libel that you know. **(15 Marks)**
4. (a) What is sedition?
(b) Describe three essential elements of a seditious publication. **(15 Marks)**
5. (a) What is “intrusion”?
(b) Identify and explain four basic defences against invasion of privacy suits. **(15 Marks)**