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2019_1 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

COURSE CODE: JLS812

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

UNITS: 3

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.

ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

1. Of all animals, Ethics is only relevant to man being a higher animal. Discuss. **(17½ Marks)**
2. Section 39 (1) of the 1999 constitution provides for freedom of expression, subsection (2) grants the freedom to own, establish and operate any mass media. However, there are exceptions in the establishment of radio television stations. Identify and clearly explain four of these exceptions. **(17½ Marks)**
3. a) What is Sedition? **(2½ Marks)**
b) Write short notes on the following and give examples:
 - i. Seditious Conspiracy
 - ii. Seditious Libel
 - iii. Seditious Speech **(15 Marks)**
4. The Nigerian Senate can summon a reporter for contempt. In what circumstances can the act of a reporter be considered contempt of Parliament? **(17½ Marks)**
5. a) Objectivity is one of the canons of Journalism. Being a reporter, what is required of you to be objective in your news stories? **(5 Marks)**
b) If it is almost impossible to be completely objective, discuss those factors that militate against your being objective as a media person. **(12½ Marks)**
6. a) What is Journalistic Independence? **(5 Marks)**
b) What measures can a media house take to ensure journalistic/editorial independence? **(12½ Marks)**