



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION  
2022\_2 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE:** JLS712  
**COURSE TITLE:** MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS  
**UNITS:** 3  
**TIME:** 3 HOURS  
**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

1. As a senior student of Mass Communication, who is well grounded in this course, explain to a first year student of the department the meaning of Law and Ethics. (b) Discuss extensively the theories of Consequentialism or Teleological theories and Deontological Ethics or Non-consequentialism. **(25 Marks)**
2. With appropriate examples, compare and contrast Natural Law and Man-made Law. **(15 Marks)**
3. With appropriate illustrations, mention and explain four defences of defamation open to journalists, authors, publicists, publishers, etc. **(15 Marks)**
4. State and discuss with appropriate examples at least 5 essential values to ethical life as identified by the Josephson Institute for the Advancement of Ethics **(15 marks)** (b) Why is it necessary for people to lead ethical life.
5. With appropriate examples, differentiate between libel and defamation. **(10 Marks)**  
(b) Explain in details and with appropriate illustration, the purpose of law in society. **(5 Marks)**