



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION
2023_2 EXAMINATIONS...

COURSE CODE: MAC 411

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAWS AND ETHICS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER 4 QUESTIONS
ANSWRE QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE

TIME ALLOWED: 3HRS

UNIT: 3

1. Both Law and Ethics are concepts required for moderating and regulating people's behaviour in a society. How then does Law differ from Ethics? Discuss this in line with the roles and the functions of Law. **(25 Marks)**
2. Libel and Slander are both concepts subsumed under the Law of **Defamation**. Identify and discuss the Defences available to a journalist charged with the offence of Defamation? **(15 Marks)**
3. Sedition is a **Political Offence Criminalised**. Do you agree? To justify your answer,
 - (a.) identify what makes **Sedition** a serious offence
 - (b.) discuss the **defences** available to a journalist charged with Sedition.**(15 Marks)**
4. Identify and briefly discuss five **Unethical Behaviours** that a journalist must avoid as stated in the NUJ Code of Conduct. **(15 Marks)**
5. Write short notes on any three (3) of the following. Each carries **5 Marks**.:
 - (i) Steiner and the Copyright Law
 - (ii) Article 19 and Article 45 of UNDHR Convention
 - (iii) John Stuart Mill's **principle of utility**
 - (iv) Contempt of court
 - (v) The Official Secrets Act**(15 marks)**