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2024 1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: JLS812
COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
UNITS: 3
TIME: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

- 1a. Discuss any **seven (7)** reasons why it is necessary for people to lead ethical lives. **(14 marks)**
b. List **four (4)** reasons why ethics pertain only to humans? **(3.5 marks)**
- 2a. Write an explanatory note on struggles for free expression in the ancient world. **(10 marks)**
b. Briefly discuss Virginia declaration of the rights of man. **(7.5 marks)**
3. Identify and briefly explain the media's role at: **(17.5 marks)**
a) Political realm
b) Cultural level
c) Economic level
- 4a. List and explain four (4) essentials of defamation. **(10 marks)**
b. What is innuendo? **(7.5 marks)**
- 5a. Explain three ways in which contempt of court can be committed by the Journalist. **(9 marks)**
b. Explain any **four (4)** practical ways in which mass media can ensure fairness in their reportage. **(8.5 marks)**