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**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
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**2025\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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**COURSE CODE: JLS 712**  
**COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS**  
**CREDIT UNITS: 3**  
**TIME: 3 HOURS**  
**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**

- 1a) What are man-made laws? (7½ marks)
- 1b) Mention and explain five purposes of law in your state. (10 marks)
- 2) An action is considered good if it produces good results, those who agree with this thought belong to teleological school. With relevant examples, enumerate and elucidate the subgroups of the teleological ethical theory. (17½ marks)
- 3a) In the history of Nigeria from the colonial era, to the end of military rule in 1999; what were the purposes successive governments made press laws? (10 marks)
- 3b) To what extent do you consider the press to be free in Nigeria today. (7½ marks)
- 4) The protection of one's reputation is so important in a free society? State and give a detailed explanation of four arguments that must be proved for an action of defamation to succeed in court. (17½ marks)
- 5a) Copyright is the right which the law gives an author or other originator of an intellectual production. Explain any four works eligible for copyright violation in Nigeria. (8 marks)
- 5b) In Nigeria, describe the two broad classifications of regulatory bodies for journalism practice. (9½ marks)