



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
COURSE CODE: JLS812
CREDIT UNITS: 3
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE

1. (a) Relate any five (5) essence of law in the society to the professional media practice in Nigeria. **(15 marks)**
(b) Identify any five (5) ethical values and discuss how they enhance professional media practice. **(10 marks)**
2. Discuss the three subs of the Deontological Ethical Theory and relate the assumption of each to professional media practice in Nigeria. **(15 marks)**
3. (a) Why are the mass media regulated the world over? Discuss. **(5 marks)**
(b) Examine the relevance of the four formal regulatory mechanisms of the mass media in effective media censorship. **(10 marks)**
4. (a) Explain the two (2) major forms of defamation. **(3 marks)**
(b) For a case of defamation to be instituted against a journalist or a media house, discuss four (4) essential elements that must be established before the court of law. **(12 marks)**
5. (a) Examine any five (5) of the works that are eligible for copyright violation in Nigeria. **(7½ marks)**
(b) Establish three (3) major ways through which Contempt of Court can be committed by the journalists. **(7½ marks)**