



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION**

2025_1 EXAMINATION

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) Identify and discuss any four (4) reasons why only human beings are concerned with ethics. **(10 marks)**
(b) Establish any five (5) major differences between law and ethics and cite relevant examples in the media practice in Nigeria. **(15 marks)**
2. Discuss the three subs of the Teleological Ethical Theory and relate the assumption of each to professional media practice in Nigeria. **(15 marks)**
3. (a) Explain media law and relate it to press law. **(5 marks)**
(b) Discuss the four (4) cardinal virtues that make virtuous journalists. **(10 marks)**
4. (a) Discuss five (5) major specific ways through which the press performs its constitutional duties. **(5 marks)**
(b) Examine four (4) major reasons why special licensing is required for broadcasting. **(10 marks)**
5. (a) Examine at least two (2) major responsibilities of the Nigerian press towards the protection of national security of the country. **(5 marks)**
(b) Discuss any five (5) obstacles that can hinder the attainment of objectivity in the professional media practice in Nigeria. **(10 marks)**