



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

ANSWER 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)**