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2024 1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: MAC411
COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
UNITS: 3
TIME: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE

1. National Interest has been a controversial concept in Nigeria. One of the arguments put forward is the notion of what constitutes national interest. Discuss the various dialectics surrounding National Interest in Nigeria. **(25 Marks)**
2. The media has been the only profession that is mentioned and empowered by the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Discuss the constitutional duty of the Nigerian media. **(15 Marks)**
3. Section 39 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria prescribes special licensing requirements for broadcasting. Enumerate and discuss the reasons for special requirements for broadcasting. **(15 Marks)**
4. What is defamation and criminal defamation? **(15 Marks)**
5. A plaintiff who alleges defamation must prove to the court of competent jurisdiction the essential elements that constitute defamation. Enumerate and discuss these essentials of defamations. **(15 Marks)**