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SEPTEMBER 2020_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: JLS812
COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
UNIT: 3
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER

1. The Head of Mass Communication Department has appointed you to give a speech on behalf of the department in the on-going Press Freedom Day on the Theme “Fake News and False Alarm: The Challenge of Social Media regulation”. Discuss with the journalists present at the occasion the need for effective regulation of the media in Nigeria by emphasising five regulatory mechanisms of the mass media. **(25 Marks)**
2. Discuss any five ways through which the law of defamation can be established in a law court against media establishments. **(15 Marks)**
3. A code of conduct for journalism practice is a set of moral principles articulated and adopted by the practitioners to guide the professional practice. Enumerate and examine the three tiers of journalistic codes in Nigeria. **(15 Marks)**
4. Discuss extensively on any three canons of journalism with reference to journalistic practice in Nigeria: **(15 Marks)**
5. As an icon in the media industry, discuss (with relevant examples and or illustrations where applicable), five (5) specific ways through which the press perform its constitutional obligations. **(15 Marks)**
6. Justify the need for the teaching of Media Law and ethics in the training of Journalists. **(15 Marks)**