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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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JLS 712 MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

1. (a) In what ways do you think people can recognise man-made laws?
(b) How do you affirm that laws are essential in Nigeria?
2. (a) Build a fence between Laws and Ethics
(b) Discuss the values essential to ethical life?
(c) Discuss the common terms between Laws and Ethics?
3. (a) Discuss the categories of people that are likely to be deprived the right to privacy and give at least five examples for each?
(b) Absolute press freedom only exists in the air, find justification for this?
4. Your newspaper was indicted for publishing a defamatory news story concerning a celebrity in Nigeria. As the editor of the newspaper, give justification for publishing the story.
5. A journalist was prosecuted and jailed for contempt of court. What are the likely unprofessional fouls do you think the journalist committed to deserve this?

As a journalist, write to convince and to justify why the need for passing the Freedom of Information Bill is essential in Nigeria.

