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EXAMINATION: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MASS COMMUNICATION

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COURSE CODE: MAC411

UNIT: 3

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

Each question carries 17½ Marks

TIME: 3HOURS

1. . What are the importance of the law in every society?
2. The 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria expressly makes provisions on the right of the press to freely operate. Discuss.
3. A case of defamation has been established against your media outfit. What possible remedies is the plaintiff entitled to get from you.
4. A media house charged of defamation has several defences to its advantage. Discuss
5. You are the editor of a certain newspaper. Your paper published a news article a week ago, then you saw the exact article published in two other magazines. Magazine A indicated that it was culled from your newspaper, while Magazine B didn't. How does the copyright law protect the publishers of the two magazines?
6. The promise of confidentiality to news sources is a great burden on Journalists. Discuss.