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OCTOBER 2013 EXAMINATIONS
School of Arts and Social Sciences

COURSE CODE: JLS812

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

UNIT: 3

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND OTHER TWO

TIME: 2 HOURS

1. Write substantially on the following ethical theories:
 - (a) Ethical Unitarians **(6 Marks)**
 - (b) Ethical egoists **(6 Marks)**
 - (c) Ethical pragmatism **(6 Marks)**
 - (d) Devine command **(6 Marks)**
2. Discuss how journalists run afoul of contempt of law. **(23 Marks)**
3.
 - (a) In which ways do laws relate to ethics?**(8 Marks)**
 - (b) Why is it that only human beings are concerned with ethics?**(7Marks)**
 - (c) Establish the differences between Laws and Ethics.**(7 Marks)**
4. Amedia house was indicted of publishing a defamatory news story concerning a government official. Raise and discuss at least five points to vindicate the media house of the indictment. **(23 Marks)**
5. As a student of Media Law, a public figure seeks your advice on how to establish that an action against him/her is defamatory in a law court. Explain to him/her at list four points

to prove that the action is truly defamatory in a law court.
(23 Marks)