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EXAMINATION: MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MASS COMMUNICATION

JUNE, 2017_1 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: JLS812

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

UNIT: 3 CREDIT UNITS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER **QUESTION 1** AND ANY OTHER **(3) QUESTIONS**

1. Some democratic societies allow their press to publish anything, while other governments stifle the media in their land.
2. i. What determines that a press is free or not?
ii. On what legal grounds do the Nigerian press stand free?
(25Marks)
3. The media has its duties towards sustaining National Interest and Public Interest. As a media man, how do you distinguish between these two concepts? **(15 Marks)**
4. It is necessary for a journalist to be cautious of his verbal and written statements. In the light of this, differentiate between contempt of court and contempt of parliament. **(15 Marks)**
5. There are unethical practices that journalists should avoid. What are they and why are they problems to the profession? **(15 Marks).**
6. Write short notes on any three **(3)** of the following: **(15 Marks)**
 - (i) Natural Laws
 - (ii) Man-made Laws
 - (iii) Kant's Duty Ethics
 - (iii) Innuendo
 - (iv) Fair Comment

(5 marks each)