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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MARCH/APRIL 2014 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: JLS 812

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER **QUESTION 1& 2** AND ANY OTHER ONE FROM **3, 4 AND 5**

1. Your newspaper house was indicted of publishing a defamatory news story concerning a public figure. As a media law professional and a staff of the newspaper house, discuss at least five points that your newspaper house can raise to defend the indictment in court of law. **(30 Marks)**
2. You are the lead speaker in the orientation programme for the new reporters your media house just employed. As a professional on the field, discuss in your message how journalists can run afoul of law of contempt. **(20 Marks)**
3. As a Media Law professional, a public figure sought your advice on how to establish that a news story against him/her is defamatory in law court. Explain to him/her at list four conditions that make the news story defamatory in a law court. **(20 Marks)**
4. Write substantially on the following ethical theories:
 - (a) Ethical Unitarians **(5 Marks)**
 - (b) Ethical egoists **(5 Marks)**
 - (c) Ethical pragmatism **(5 Marks)**
 - (d) Devine command **(5 Marks)**
5. (a) In which ways do laws relate to ethics? **(5 Marks)**
(b) Why is it that only human beings are concerned with ethics? **(10 Marks)**

(c) Establish the differences between Laws and Ethics. **(5 Marks)**