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EXAMINATION: MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MASS COMMUNICATION

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016 \_2 EXAMINATION

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. Sedition is very vital to Journalistic practice world-wide. Make a case for or against the need for trainee journalists to Study Media Law in the university. Discuss briefly the defences available to a journalist when threatened with a case of sedition. **(25Marks)**
2. A defeated candidate from a very popular political party believes that the negative portrayal of his person by your organisation was responsible for his failure at the polls and he has taken an action against your organisation for defamation. Please advise your proprietor on what to do with this charge for defamation. **(15 Marks)**
3. What advise will you give to a young reporter who has complained to you that he has been unjustly charged for contempt of the court? As a trained and experienced journalist, intimate him about the regulations of the law court while in session and how to avoid this particular problem. **(15 Marks)**
4.
  - a. Differentiate between a **public officer** and a **public figure**. **(5 Marks)**
  - b. Enumerate and discuss at least five characteristics of each of them. **(10 Marks)**
5.
  - (a) Discuss the steps necessary for acquiring a special licence for the operation of any broadcast media in Nigeria? **(5 Marks)**
  - (b) Discuss the need for the acquisition of a special Licence. **(15 Marks).**
6. Write short notes on any three (3) of the following: **(15 Marks)**
  - (i) Code of conduct
  - (ii) National Security.
  - (iii) The Official Secrets Act
  - (iii) Copyright
  - (iv) NUJ's Regulation of the media

**(5 marks each)**