

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

JLS 712: MEDIA LAWAND ETHICS

2013 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

DATE: Saturday 26th January

INSTRUCTION: Answer any four questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Time allowed: 3 Hours

- 1. Explain what you understand by the constitutional duty of the Nigerian media; in what specific ways can the media perform this duty?
- 2. Why is presidential approval/special licensing required to establish broadcast media and not for print media?
- 3. How can a democratic government regulate the country's media and also allow the freedom of the press at the same time?
- 4. What purpose does the law of defamation serve in a society?

 What is media law? Enumerate and explain the cardinal virtues according to Plato.
- 5. Give two definitions of Press Freedom. Explain the fight for freedom of the press in Nigeria from 1859 to the present day.

6. Write briefly on the following terms in relation to media publications:

Libel

Slander

Unintentional Defamation

Plagiarism

Piracy

Fair Comment

Absolute Privilege

Qualified Privilege

Res Judicata