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**MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION**

JLS 612 MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

TIME ALLOWED: 3HRS

*INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any four questions*

- 1.** Outline the measures that a given democratic government can adopt to regulate the media while also upholding the freedom of the press.
- 2.** What is media law? Enumerate and explain the cardinal virtues according to Plato
- 3.** Trace the history of the fight for freedom of the press in Nigeria up to the present day and name some important personalities that fought hard for the press freedom.

4a. Define and explain what you understand by the concepts: National Interest and Public Interest.

4b. Contrast between a public figure and public officer.

5. Write notes on the following:

Fair Comment  
Privilege  
Absolute Privilege  
Qualified Privilege  
Res Judicata  
Sedition  
Libel  
Slander  
Plagiarism  
Piracy

6a. Discuss the concept of 'Objectivity' in journalism and outline the possible obstacles to achieving it.

6b. Is it possible to achieve objectivity in journalism? Justify your answer