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FACULTY OF LAW

EXAMINATION PAPER

COURSE CODE : LLB 015
COURSE TITLE : Media and Communication Law
DURATION : 3 Hours
LEVEL :
DATE : 06 JUL 2022

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer all questions. Marks allocated for each question are shown in brackets.
 2. You may take into the examination room the following: -
 - i. Constitution of Zimbabwe Number of 20 of 2013
 - ii. Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act Chapter 10:27
- NB The above must not be annotated in any way.
- iii. Use Blue or black ink only but not interchangeably.

Question 1

The government of Zimbabwe is often criticized for inter alia

- (a) Failing to uphold the media freedoms in terms of the Constitution
- (b) Severely limiting freedom of expression and the media

In light of Hopewell Chin'ono's recent presentation in Switzerland and the subsequent attacks and threats to cease his livestock in his rural home of Murewa, using decided cases and relevant legislative provisions examine whether this criticism is justified or not?

[20marks]

Question 2

The press plays an important role in society. The media has a duty to educate and inform the public. It is in the frontline of the battle to maintain democracy. Further, it is the function of the media to ferret out corruption, whenever and wherever it may occur and expose perpetrators. Discuss the notion that the Media should be candid, impartial and independent in light of Media participation in electoral processes in Zimbabwe.

[20 Marks]

Question 3

Postal and Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe's (POTRAZ) directive to network providers (Econet Wireless, NetOne and Telecel) to share existing infrastructure is a necessary evil for the public good. Discuss in light of sections 249(1)(c,h & i) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe.

[20 Marks]

Question 4

The advent of social media such as Facebook, WhatsApp, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram have rendered the regulation of modern-day media ineffective. What steps should be taken to balance the competing interest of the need to uphold media freedom at the same time safeguarding state sovereignty.

[10 Marks]

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