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EXAMINATION PAPER

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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:-

- 2.1. Constitution of Zimbabwe Amendment(No. 20) Act of 2013
- 2.2. Electoral Act (Chapter 02:13)

NB The above must not be annotated in any way.

3. Use Blue or black ink only but not interchangeably.

Question 1

In light of the recent Al Jazeera 'Gold Mafia and Money laundering expose' discuss the feasibility of effectively regulating media in Zimbabwe?

[20 Marks]

Question 2

The proliferation of Social Media Spaces and Platforms has made the regulation of Media a nightmare in the 21st century and the need to redefine Media is inevitable. With reference to specific provisions of media laws, Constitution and decided cases discuss the adequacies or otherwise of media regulation in Zimbabwe.

[20 Marks]

Question 3

Nick Mangwana is an employee in the Ministry of Information and Publicity of Zimbabwe and doubles as the Deputy Spokesperson of the President of Zimbabwe. Both Nick and the President of Zimbabwe are members of the ruling ZANU Pf Party.

As the country gears towards its 2023 harmonised elections, political antagonism is rife and there is over growing competition for media coverage amongst political actors and parties.

On the other hand, Gift Ostalos Siziba, a member and Deputy Spokesperson of the newly formed Citizens Coalition for Change wrote to the national broadcaster, Zimbabwe Broadcasting Cooperation seeking coverage of his Party's events and programmes but the request is shot down by Nick Mangwana.

Irrked by the cowardice of Nick Mangwana, Gift Ostalos Siziba approaches the British Council and the Obama Foundation for funding and guidance on how to counter Nick Mangwana and his Party's machinations. The trio agreed that Hopewell Chin'ono and likeminded 'independent scribes' will be funded to expose ZANU PF's shortcomings, looting and corruption.

In light of the laws governing Media in Zimbabwe and the Media's duties discuss the conduct of both Nick Mangwana and Gift Ostalos Siziba.

[20 Marks]

Question 4

Khululeko Maseko Sibanda is an aspiring Member of Parliament and contestant in the ruling ZANU PF party in Zimbabwe. He is also a registered Media Practitioner in terms of the laws of Zimbabwe. During the run up to primary elections in his party, his foot soldiers reveals to him that his rival Cde Pakuyambuka has deployed agencies around the Polling Stations targeting mainly all roads leading to the Polling Stations. Armed with this information, Sibanda proceeds to write and cause to be published an Article in one of the daily Newspapers in Zimbabwe to the effect that there is rampant rigging in his Constituency by Cde Pakuyambuka. This, he did without verifying information received by him from his foot soldiers, let alone granting Cde Pakuyambuka an opportunity to state his side of the story. What ethical issues arise from the two contestants and in particular the registered journalist?

[10 Marks]

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