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EXAMINATION PAPER

MODULE CODE : LLB015
MODULE TITLE : MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS LAW
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer Four (4) questions, (2) questions from each section.
2. Number of marks for each question are shown in brackets
3. Start each question on a new page

SECTION A

Question 1

To what extent are the limitations of freedom of expression under Zimbabwean Media law justified?

[15 marks]

Question 2

Examine the relationship between Media and democracy.

[15 marks]

Question 3

Examine the protection, if any, that the media enjoys from Section 68(1) and (2) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe.

[15 marks]

Section B

Question 4

Through his Facebook account Tendai Nyamayaro who is an employee of the Danai Magazine posted a statement about the Mayor of Maritzbutg City Council. He indicated that the Mayor was abusing rate payer's money by buying luxury vehicles while service delivery is at its lowest. She also published that same information on the online version of the Magazine.

Tatenda is a Zimbabwean journalist based in United States of America although her employer is based in Zimbabwe. The Mayor of Maritzburg approaches you and advises

that it is not true that any money is being abused and that no luxury vehicle was acquired by Council in the past 10 years. He further requests that you advise him on remedies that may be available to him in terms of the law.

Advise him, citing the relevant statutes and case law.

[20 marks]

Question 5

a) The Chairperson of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission engages you as an expert in Media Law and gives you the following brief facts on which you should advise him on legal issues.

i) "Section 29 of the Electoral Act does not allow any political party or group to hold rallies or to disseminate any written information. Parties are only allowed to communicate with their members through Tv adverts".

ii) "the prone newspaper is refusing to disclose the person who supplied it with the information that the opposition plans to rig elections by making unofficial ballot papers".

[20 marks]

Question 6

As a media law expert, you were approached by Onesimo, Minister of Agriculture. He advises you that he is not happy with the publication by Maritzburg Newspaper of his wedding pictures without consent. He also complains that Rudo who is a journalist with the Maritzburg Newspaper illegally obtained nude pictures of him and his new wife by setting up a surveillance camera in their bedroom and is threatening to publish them. He argues that public figures must be subjected to public scrutiny. Upon inquiry, Rudo advised Onesimo that she was exercising her constitutional right to freedom of expression and affording citizens their right to information.

To what extent are Rudo's actions consistent with Zimbabwean media law? Cite case law and specific legal provisions applicable.

[20 marks]

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