



ZIMBABWE EZEKIEL GUTI UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF LAW

EXAMINATION PAPER

COURSE CODE : LLB 015
COURSE TITLE : Media and Communications Law
DURATION : 3 Hours
LEVEL : 5.1/5.2
DATE : 17/08/21

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.

3. 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

Using decided cases and relevant legislative provisions examine whether this criticism is justified or not? [20 Marks]

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 the circumstances leading to the sacking of former Ministers Fortune Chasi and Obediah Moyo in Zimbabwe.

[20 Marks]

Question 3

State sovereignty overrides all other rights, including that of the Media. In light of acquisition of Election Material and accreditation of Election Observers in Zimbabwe, Discuss the role of the Media vis-à-vis the State's obligation to the electorate.

[20 Marks]

Question 4

To what extent do Police and Military Disciplinary Tribunals infringe upon members' right to a Fair Hearing as envisaged in Section 69 of the Constitution vis-à-vis Media coverage?

[10 Marks]

END OF QUESTION PAPER