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TITLE OF PAPER : MEDIA LAW
COURSE CODE : JMC 311
TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer any three (3) Questions*
- 2. Each question carries 20 marks*
- 3. This paper consists of two pages, cover page included.*

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Answer any three (3) questions.

Question 1

Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reads: “everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression.” Discuss the implications of this declaration for the practice of mass communication.

(20 marks)

Question 2

The Media Institute for Southern Africa (MISA) has made recommendations concerning corrective measures for what the organisation described as restrictive laws. Describe at least ten of these recommendations.

(20 marks)

Question 3

Swazi Law and Custom have emanated from the customs or habits of the Swazi people over the past two centuries. Examine to what extent Swazi Law and Custom have affected media law and practice.

(20 marks)

Question 4

Discuss some cases demonstrating the context in which media statutes, Common Law of Defamation, Interdicts, Reviews of Administrative Decisions, and Criminal Defamation have appeared in courtrooms in Swaziland.

(20 marks)

Question 5

The Swaziland Broadcasting Bill, 2007 provides for a Commission which will regulate broadcasting services. Explain the guidelines for the Commission as provided for in the Bill.

(20 marks)