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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION
BAC 3103 MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
SPECIAL EXAM

Date: May 31st 2022

Total: 60 marks

Time: 08:00 – 10:00

Instructions

Answer ALL questions in Section A and any TWO in Section B.

SECTION A

1. (i) Review excerpts of a High Court ruling on criminal libel by Justice John Mativo on February 6, 2017.

(a) Explain the meaning and implication of criminal libel/defamation. (6 marks)

(b) Evaluate the ruling's implications for criminal defamation in Kenya when looked at under the lens of Article 33 of the Constitution of Kenya. (10 marks)

(c) Discuss how criminal libel/defamation is offensive to the Constitution of Kenya. (10 marks)

(d) Explain why the ruling may offend some members of the society. (4 marks)

(ii) Highlight TWO areas in the Media Council of Kenya Code of Practice that may require amendment as a result of recent changes in the law. (4 marks)

iii) Explain THREE generally accepted reasons that provide a rationale for media regulation in countries that have a liberal media environment. (6 marks)

SECTION B

2. Describe THREE circumstances under which court proceedings can be held in camera. (10 marks)

3. Explain FIVE ways in which one can breach copyright. (10 marks)

4. Social media often compromises the quality of content that users are presented with. Discuss this in light of FIVE requirements of the Media Council of Kenya Code of Practice. (10 marks)