

MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR** **FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS/JOURNALISM**

**COURSE CODE: CMJ 2106**

**COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS**

**DATE: 4TH DECEMBER 2017 TIME: 1100 – 1300HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answerquestions **ONE** and any other **TWO.**

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**SECTION A - COMPULSORY – 30 MARKS**

1. (a) Define law as applied to communication. (1 Mark)

(b) State FOUR reasons for studying law in communication (4 Marks)

(c) Explain FIVE most common sources of Kenyan Law. (15 Marks)

(d) (i) Define copyright (2 Marks)

(ii) Explain the options available to a newspaper seeking to challenge reporting restrictions (8 Marks)

**SECTION B ANSWER TWO – 40 MARKS**

2. (a) Define defamation. (2 Marks)

(b) There is no single comprehensive definition of defamatory language recognized by law. Discuss this statement using relevant examples.

(18Marks)

3. (a) Define strict liability (2 Marks)

(d) Explain the main elements of this section of Contempt of Court Act.

(18 Marks)

4. (d) (i) State the general principle of protection of journalistic

sources as discussed under section 10 of the Contempt of Court

Act 1981. (2Marks)

(ii) There are four exceptions where disclosure of the source of

journalistic information will be deemed to be necessary. Explain

each of them. (18 marks)

5. Discuss FIVE limitations to access to information in the Kenyan context after the 2010 constitution. (20 Marks)

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