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COM 403- MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS

Instructions: QUESTION ONE is compulsory. Answer any THREE QUESTIONS thereafter

QUESTION ONE

The media relies on advertisements for revenues, as a journalist working at Royal Media Services, you have received a tip about a corruption scandal involving Safaricom PLC, who also happen to be your biggest advertisers. Debate the ethical consideration you will be battling as you decide to cover this story. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

The Kenyan media has four key regulators. Use examples to examine the mandate of any two of these regulators citing some of the issues they have handled in the past. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Using examples to present your case, demonstrate your understanding of the difference between:

- a) Libel (2 marks)
- b) Slander (2 marks)

The defamation law is not absolute meaning there are circumstances that enjoy exclusion from defamation law. These are termed as privileges. Use examples to discuss the two types of privileges. (4 marks)

Use examples to discuss any TWO exemptions to contempt of court. (2 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Intellectual property is a creation work of the mind and it can include art, music, symbols and other tangible and intangible creations. The law protects this work. Use example to examine any two types of intellectual properties in the media and their rights in law. **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

Use examples to explain what contempt of Court means and point out the FIVE types of contempt of court. (10 Marks)