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FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS
SECOND SEMESTER, 2021/2022
(FEBRUARY - JUNE, 2022)

LLBK 421: MEDIA LAW

STREAM: Y4 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: MONDAY, 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.

DATE: 25/07/2022

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.**
- 3. Illustrate your answer with relevant cases and statutory provisions where applicable.**

QUESTION ONE

- a) Discuss in detail the constitutional foundations of freedom of expression and information in Kenya. In your view is there a case for review of the relevant provisions of the constitution? (10 Marks)

- b) Explain the basis for legal regulation of mass communication in Kenya. (10 Marks)

- c) Kilio Media House Ltd a leading mass communication enterprise with print and electronic media impressed with your solid credentials academically and professionally appoints you as the legal officer of its vast empire. Congratulations!

One of your first tasks is to meet the new Board of Directors of the company and prepare a brief about the laws which regulate print and electronic media in Kenya. Discuss. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) The law relating to defamation and contempt of court are two veritable constraints on news reporting and free expression in Kenya. Discuss (10 Marks)
- b) State and explain the justification for press freedom and right to information. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) The Media Act though it turned out to be very contentious in certain respects is by and large a welcome development that will definitely positively impact mass communication in Kenya. Discuss. (10 Marks)
- b) What do you understand by restriction of press freedom? What are the various modes that have been employed to restrict press freedom? (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Discuss the various international and regional instruments relating to international mass communication and whether adequately protect and promote international mass communication. (10 Marks)
- b) Outline and discuss the various legal issues in reporting Government, the judiciary and parliament in Kenya (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Write short notes on

- a) Ethics in journalism
b) Legal challenge of cyberspace

- c) Media control for the 'interest of the individual'
- d) The media as the 'fourth estate'

(20 Marks)