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

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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

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**Question 1 [Compulsory]**

Professor Guy Berger in his comparative legal survey, has focused in detail, on research assessment of a number of issues pertaining to media legislation. Discuss the various areas he has focussed on.

[20 marks]

**Question 2**

In his discussion of ethics and the law, Johan Retief, has pointed out some considerations to be taken into account concerning the relationship between the law and ethics. Describe the considerations to be taken into account.

[20 marks]

**Question 3**

The Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) has suggested corrective measures and recommendations to laws it has identified as restrictive to the media. Discuss these recommendations.

[20 marks]

**Question 4**

The Swaziland Broadcasting Bill, 2007 has laid down a code of conduct for Broadcasting Services. Discuss the code in relation to:

- (a) General responsibility of a licensee
- (b) Presentation of News
- (c) Commentary
- (d) Controversial issues of public importance
- (e) Elections
- (f) Privacy
- (g) Paying a criminal for information

[20 marks]

**Question 5**

Why does Swaziland need a Media Commission? Your answer should refer to specific issues that warranted attention of a media commission.

[20 marks]