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**2009/2010 FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER: MAIN**

**TITLE OF PAPER: MEDIA LAW**

**COURSE CODE: JMC 311**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Answer **THREE** questions.

Spelling and grammar will count in grading.

Use your own examples to illustrate your answer(s).

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**Question 1**

Swazi Law and Custom, it is argued, stifles press freedom. Do you agree? Discuss, aiding your answer with examples.

**(20 Marks)**

**Question 2**

Discuss the laws that impact on broadcasting in Swaziland.

**(20 Marks)**

**Question 3**

Media commentators argue that self-regulation is better than statutory regulation. Do you support that argument? Discuss, giving examples to illustrate your answer.

**(20 Marks)**

**Question 4**

Discuss in detail whether or not media laws in Swaziland were repressive prior to the introduction of the constitution in February 2006.

**(20 Marks)**

**Question 5**

Several bills were introduced by the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology in 2007. Explain any four of these bills and how they impact on the media in the country.

**(20 Marks)**

**Question 6**

- i) Explain the following terms.
  - a) Libel
  - b) Slander
- ii) Detail two court cases where the press was charged with defamation.

**(20 Marks)**