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2010/2011 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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THE INVIGILATOR.**

Question 1 (Answer either of the two questions)

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

Or

Is press freedom a myth or reality in Swaziland? Discuss giving examples to support your answer.

(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 January 2005.

(20 Marks)

Question 5

Explain the objectives of the following legislation and their impact on the media.

- i) Books and Newspapers Act, 1963
- ii) Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Act, 1983
- iii) Proscribed Publications Act, 1968
- iv) The Swaziland Television Authority Act, 1983

(20 Marks)

Question 6

i) Explain the following giving examples to illustrate your answer.

- a) Criminal Defamation
- b) Libel
- c) Slander
- d) Dualism

(20 Marks)