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2012/2013 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

- a) Explain why it is important for aspiring journalists to study media law. (5 Marks)
- b) It is argued that Judges are also a source of law. Explain giving examples to illustrate your answer. (5 Marks)
- c) What do you understand by Dual System with regard to the legal system in Swaziland? Briefly explain how this came about. (10 Marks)

QUESTION 2

- a) Briefly explain what is meant by defamation as a “tort”. (5 Marks)
- b) Briefly explain criminal defamation. (5 Marks)
- c) Name at least one journalist who was charged with criminal defamation in Swaziland. (2 Marks)
- d) Explain in detail why the journalist was charged with criminal defamation. (8 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Explain in detail statutory regulation vis a vis self-regulation in the media industry. Give examples to illustrate your answer.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 4

In March 2013, the Minister of Information and Communication Technology tabled two Bills in Parliament. Explain the nature of the bills (separately) and discuss their impact on the media landscape in Swaziland.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 5

Discuss any four laws that have an impact on the print media in the country.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 6

Explain in detail the challenges of the digital migration policy that was launched by Government in March 2013.

(20 Marks)