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2015/2016 EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER: MAIN

TITLE OF PAPER: MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS

COURSE CODE: JMC 345

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 (COMPULSORY)

“The availability and accessibility of newer technologies and online platforms for citizens to express themselves seems to be a solution for Swaziland considering the fact that the media is no longer a watchdog but a lapdog.” Do you agree? Discuss, citing examples to support your arguments.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 2

Most of the clauses in the Bill of Rights in the country’s constitution are there only on paper. Explain any five clauses that seem to be elusive despite the fact that they are enshrined in the country’s constitution.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Discuss any five human rights violations that took place in 2014 and 2015 in Swaziland. Justify your selection.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 4

The media have a role to play in educating people about human rights. Discuss in detail how the media has fared in this regard giving examples to support your answer.

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 5

Briefly explain the following:

- a) UN Charter on Human Rights
- b) African Commission on Human and People's Rights
- c) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- d) SADC Gender Protocol

(20 Marks)

QUESTION 6

Write a critique of children's rights reporting by the Swazi media.

(20 Marks)