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TITLE OF PAPER : MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS
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TIME ALLOWED : 2 HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS : Write legibly

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SECTION A- QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY

SECTION A

1. The media has a huge role to play in the protection and promotion of human rights.
 - a) Discuss what the role of the media in human rights promotion entails. **[10 marks]**
 - b) Why do media fail to play this role? **[10 marks]**

[Total: 20 marks]

SECTION B- Answer any two questions

2. Critically evaluate the role of the internet in the promotion of the rights of those marginalised in mainstream media. **[20 marks]**
3. Women are among the social groups that have complained about the media failing to uphold their rights. What are the problems associated with gender reporting in the media? **[20 marks]**
4. Human rights reporting requires that journalists have a deeper understanding of human rights without which they would not be able to be effective in reporting human rights related issues. Evaluate the strategies that should be employed by media organisations for journalists to be effective in reporting human rights issues. **[20 marks]**
5.
 - a) What are human rights? **[5 marks]**
 - b) Discuss the various human rights issues that are prominent in mainstream media reporting in the Swazi context. **[15 marks]**

[Total 20 marks]
6.
 - a) Describe what the Swazi constitution says about the rights of people living with disabilities. **[10 marks]**
 - b) With reference to a case in the mainstream media, critically assess how media covered a murder issue which was still under the courts. **[10 marks]**

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