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**FACULTY OF ARTS, THEOLOGY, CULTURE AND
HERITAGE STUDIES**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS HONOURS IN MEDIA & DIGITAL
COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

MEDIA POLICY LAWS AND ETHICS

HMDS 103

PART 1 SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATION

TOTAL MARKS [100]

Date: DECEMBER 2024

Time: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper has *five (5)* questions
2. Answer any *three (3)* questions
3. Each question carries *100 marks*
4. Start each question on a new page

1. You are employed as a photo-journalist for a national newspaper in Zimbabwe, with sufficient reasons, outline the ethical considerations that you will take when conducting your work during a coverage of a traditional court session where a 60 year old man is being accused of impregnating his 17 year old granddaughter. [100]

2. Discuss the constitutional provisions for media freedom in Zimbabwe and the extent to which these are being upheld in the promotion of media freedom in Zimbabwe. [100]

3. 'Retraction is the best form of defence when a journalist has been accused of defamation.' Discuss. [100]

4. The Freedom of Information Act of 2020 is an extension of the repealed AIPPA, critique this view in relation to media regulation in Zimbabwe. [100]

5. Justify that, 'Provisions of the Broadcasting Services Act of Zimbabwe are a stumbling block to the establishment of more television stations in the country.' [100]

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