



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

MJS1202: DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE MEDIA

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains **TWO** sections (Section A and Section B).
2. Section A is **COMPULSORY**.
3. Answer **ANY TWO (2) questions** from Section B.
4. Start each question on a new page in your booklet.
5. Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation
6. Do not repeat material.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

INSTRUCTION: *Answer Question 1.*

Question 1

Critically examine the relationship between media freedom and democratic governance. How can media contribute to or undermine democratic processes in different contexts? **[40 marks]**

SECTION B

INSTRUCTION: *Answer ANY TWO (2) questions.*

Question 2

Discuss the key principles of media ethics in reporting on sensitive human rights issues? **[30 marks]**

Question 3

Discuss the role of investigative journalism in exposing human rights abuses and promoting accountability. **[30 marks]**

Question 4

How do hate speech regulations intersect with media freedom and human rights in different countries? **[30 marks]**

Question 5

Analyze the representation of marginalized groups in mainstream media, highlighting successes and challenges. **[30 marks]**

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