



**NAMIBIA UNIVERSITY  
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Faculty Name:** Human Sciences

**Department Name:** Communication

<b>QUALIFICATION:</b> BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION	
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<b>COURSE:</b> LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN COMMUNICATION	<b>COURSE CODE:</b> LEC 721S
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<b>DURATION:</b> 3 HOURS	<b>MARKS:</b> 75

<b>SECOND OPPORTUNITY/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER</b>	
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**THIS EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 3 PAGES**  
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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer **Three (3) Questions** only.
2. Write clearly and neatly.
3. Number the answers clearly.

**PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS**

1. Examination paper
2. Examination script

**Question 1**

**25 marks**

The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia recognises the Right to Privacy as a fundamental human right, but not an absolute entitlement of all persons at all times.

- (a) Identify the article of the Constitution which deals with the Right to Privacy in Namibia, and explain the difference between “fundamental” and “absolute” rights.

**(5 marks)**

- (b) Using appropriate examples in each case, analyse the six conditions under which this article of the Constitution permits interference with the privacy of a person’s home, correspondence or communications.

**(20 marks)**

**Question 2**

**25 marks**

Professional codes of ethics outline the behaviour expected of practitioners, their organisations and associations.

- (i) Identify accurately (i.e. by section and sub-section) and explain the requirements of any four principles of the Code of Ethics for the Namibian media .

**(4x5marks = 20 marks).**

- (ii) Give your interpretation of the following statement by Collins and O’Rourke (1994) that “unless a code has a disciplinary or penal function and unless the people who violate it are punished...it (the code) becomes a meaningless document”.

**(5 marks)**

**Question 3**

**25 marks**

(a) Name and, in your own words, describe the functions of the four sources of Namibian law.  
(4x5marks = 20 marks).

(b) Generate your own examples for each source, showing how each of the four sources of Namibian law contribute to the regulation of media and communication practice.

**(5 marks)**

**Question 4**

**25 marks**

Identify and discuss at least four consequences of the abuse of Information Communication Technologies (ICTs).

**Question 5**

**25 marks**

Is there a distinction to be made between ethics and the law? Give reasons for your answer.

**End of exam.**

**Total: 75 marks**