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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS
1. READ questions carefully. 2. Answer all questions in both Sections A and B. 3. Good luck!

PERMISSIBLE MATERIAL

1. The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia.

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 3 PAGES (excluding this front page).

MEDIA LAW (MDL611S)
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Section A

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS, PLEASE.

QUESTION 1

[20]

Choose a correct answer from the alternatives provided for each statement by merely indicating the alphabetic letter with the correct answer.

- 1.1. A television broadcasting license is issued for a period of
- (a) Five years.
 - (b) Ten years.
 - (c) Fifteen years.
- 1.2. Which of the following acts amount to contempt of court as it is regarded as scandalising the court?
- (a) Pretending to be an officer of the court.
 - (b) Publication of material that violates the repute or authority of a court through unfair and improper criticism.
 - (c) Failure to appear in court when subpoenaed to do so.
- 1.3. Which of the following is a defence for the publication of materials that invade another person's privacy?
- (a) Anger and provocation
 - (b) Fair comment
 - (c) Self-defence
- 1.4. A broadcasting license can be issued by the Communications Regulatory Authority (CRAN) to
- (a) A Namibian citizen.
 - (b) A juristic person of which at least 51 percent of the shareholding is beneficially owned by Namibian citizens.
 - (c) All of the above.
- 1.5. The following are essential elements of the crime of *crimen injuria*
- (a) Unlawfulness, impairment or violation
 - (b) Unlawfulness, *dignitas*, intention, impairment or violation
 - (c) Unlawfulness, publication, impairment or violation, intention
- 1.6. The supreme law of Namibia is:
- (a) The Namibian Constitution, 1990.
 - (b) Customary law.
 - (c) International law.

Please turn overleaf...../

SECTION B

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1

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Chapter III, Article 21 of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia guarantees freedom of expression. Through discussion, show your understanding of the **origin of the right to freedom of expression** by making reference to the contributions of **four** theorists on this topic.

QUESTION 2

[15]

Through the 'Self-Regulatory Code of Ethics and Conduct for Namibian Print, Broadcast and Online Media', the Office of the Media Ombudsman seeks to "protect journalism practice in Namibia....." Identify and discuss the concerns and recommendations addressed in Section 2 of Chapter 1 of the Code, namely: "Gathering and Reporting of News", and make reference to relevant examples to support your answer.

QUESTION 3

[20]

The career of many journalists started on the **court-reporting beat**. Assess the following phases of court reporting:

- 3.1 The Reporting Phase (4)
- 3.2 The Trial Phase (4)
- 3.3 The Results Phase (12)

Sub-Total [50]

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