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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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Instructions for the students

- 1. Answer any 5 questions**
- 2. Read all the questions carefully before answering.**
- 3. Number the answers clearly**

QUESTION 1

[20 marks]

- 1a) What is the meaning of the statement, "...Namibian Constitution is the supreme law". (2)
- 1b) Explain the four sources of law in Namibia. (8)
- 1c) Discuss at least three (3) constitutional provisions that affect the media in Namibia. (10)

QUESTION 2

[20 marks]

- 2a) Freedom of expression is a constitutional right. However, this right is not absolute. What does it mean to say that a constitutional right is not absolute? (4)
- 2b) Explain the limitations of the right to freedom of expression and freedom of press as indicated in the Namibian Constitution. (16)

QUESTION 3

[20 marks]

- 3a) Court reporting is derived from the principle of 'right to open justice'. Explain the concept of 'right to open justice' and show why it is important. (10)
- 3b) Define the following terms:
 - i. Sub-judice (2);
 - ii. In-camera proceedings (2);
 - iii. Defendant (2);
 - iv. Plaintiff (2);
 - v. Charge sheet (2).

QUESTION 4

[20 marks]

The law of privacy consists of four torts. Identify and explain each tort. In your explanation of each tort, provide an example of how journalists can invade privacy. (20)

Question 5

[20 marks]

In a defamation case, the onus is on the plaintiff to prove defamation. Discuss the five elements of defamation. (20)

QUESTION 6

[20 marks)

Discuss five trends which have been observed on the African media scene since the establishment of the Windhoek Declaration **(20)**

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