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<b>SECOND OPPORTUNITY/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER</b>	
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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Read and understand the question/instructions well before you embark on this examination.
2. Write clearly and neatly. Marks will be awarded for minimal grammatical errors.

**PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS**

1. Examination paper.
2. Examination script.

**QUESTION 1****[10 x 2 = 20 Marks]****Indicate whether the following statements are true or false. No motivation is required.**

- 1.1 Media landscapes refer to the overall environment in which there are different types of media platforms and interactions including how information is produced, distributed and consumed across multiple platforms and channels.
- 1.2 The seniority of the presiding officer is one of the factors that determine the jurisdiction of a court.
- 1.3 To date, there are more than 25 international treaties on IP administered by WIPO.
- 1.4 The 2022 Access to Information Law, aimed at improving transparency, lacks full source protection, which is critical for investigative journalism.
- 1.5 Architectural designs are examples of copyright.
- 1.6 Copyright in Namibia exists for during the lifetime of the author plus 60 years from the date that the author dies.
- 1.7 Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."
- 1.8 The introduction of AI has not brought any transformative changes across various industries including media and Journalism.
- 1.9 Intellectual Property (IP) is protected in law by among others, patents, copyright and trademarks.
- 1.10 Article 12 of the constitution ensures that journalists & the media have rights and freedom such as freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

**QUESTION 2****Legal Matters in Namibia****[15 Marks]****Briefly answer the following questions:**

- 2.1 What is the purpose of the law? (2)
- 2.2 Distinguish between Criminal Law and Civil Law. (6)

2.3 What are the grounds of justification or defences that can be relied upon in an action for the invasion of privacy? (3)

2.4 What are the two domains of intellectual property rights? Provide one example of each domain. (4)

**QUESTION 3** **Combatting of Domestic Violence Act 4 of 2003** [15 Marks]

Domestic Violence Act 4 of 2003 was enacted with an aim of combating domestic violence by providing remedies such as issuing of protective orders, assistance for victims, criminal provisions and educational campaigns. The Namibian Police Force recorded 4 814 gender-based violence (GBV) cases countrywide during the 2023/24 financial year while a total of 8076 GBV cases were recorded in 2023 and 2024 combined.

In view of above statistics, do you think the Act has helped reduce GBV cases? If yes, give 3 examples to support your answer. If not, give three examples to support your answer (9 marks). How do you think GBV can be reduced in Namibia? (6 marks)

**QUESTION 4** **Contempt of Court** [15 Marks]

Discuss *Contempt ex facie curiae* pertaining to pending judicial proceedings.

**QUESTION 5** **Codes of Ethics** [15 Marks]

Codes of ethics are an example of a self regulatory mechanism.

5.1 Explain the terms 'media self regulation' and 'press council'. (4)

5.2 Briefly explain the importance of self-regulation for the media. (5)

5.3 Discuss the role of the press council. (6)

**QUESTION 6** **Freedom of Expression** [20 Marks]

The most common form of censorship of freedom of expression and speech is that of the prior restraint of publications.

6.1 Provide the meaning of the term 'prior restraint'. (2)

- 6.2 Explain any three (3) 'vices' of prior restraint. (6)
- 6.3 With explanation and example, provide the kind of information which may be censored. (12)

**TOTAL: 100 marks**

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