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2013/2014 SESSION 1ST SEMESTER EXAMINATION.

MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS MCT 412

TIME 2 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER 2 QUESTIONS

1. Omeiza, a journalist with *Tatafo Newspapers* is investigating corruption in the ruling Going Green Party (GGP). One of his main sources is Lanre, a wealthy businessman and a staunch supporter of the opposition party – Money Making Party (MMP). Omeiza knows this but the documents and facts from Lanre are good. Lanre owns a restaurant, Chop-Chop Crib and Omeiza finds himself eating frequently at the restaurant. A couple of times, Lanre paid the bills for Omeiza in his his restaurant and Omeiza had accepted as he does not want to offend Lanre. One day Lanre told him, “I know you are our good friend. from now on, you always eat at Chop-Chop Crib free. Bring your family too...”
  - (a) Should he accept? [Yes or No]
  - (b) What three problems may be there with his accepting this favour?
  - (c) List six ethical values
  - (d) In what five different ways does ethics differ from law
  - (e) What are the obstacles to objectivity in journalism
  - (f) Compare ethics and morality
2. Chide is working on a research on the *Advantages of Ijebu Garri in the Life of a student*. She ran into an article in an e-journal titled “*students and Ijebu Garri*” –*The Journey so Far*” written by her undergraduate project supervisor, Dr. Knowbook. On going through the said article, she discovered the whole article to be a word for word lift of the chapter 3 of her undergraduate project earli supervised by Dr. Knowbook. Chide intends to take Dr. Knowbook to Court and she needs your advice.
  - (a) What offence has Dr. Knowbook comitted if any?
  - (b) Mention 2 non-eligible works
  - (c) What essentials would Chide prove in court?
  - (d) What remedies maybe available to Chide in Court?

- (e) What defences may Dr. Knowbook plead?
  - (f) Mention 3 ways of infringement
3. (a) What is press freedom?
- (b) Mention five laws that support press freedom
  - (c) Why does broadcasting requires government permit?
  - (d) What three things pose threat to press freedom?
  - (e) Write very short notes on (i) Section 22 of the 1999 Constitution (ii) Freedom of Information Act
4. Alh. Namadi Lanre of the opposition MMP is contesting the next governorship election in Osun State. Campaigns are almost nearing conclusion. Yesterday, Chief Orlando Green of the ruling GGP in a live broadcast mentioned on Radio Osun that Alh. Namadi, is actually from Abia State and that he changed his name from Nnamdi to Namadi to enable him contest the election. Alh. Namadi Lanre is aggrieved and desires your advice before proceeding to the court.
- a. What offence (if any) has Green committed?
  - b. What if Green says he is only speaking as an agent of his party, can the party be sued?
  - c. What are the essentials which Namadi must prove?
  - d. What 4 defences are available to Green?
  - e. What is the difference between libel and slander?
  - f. What is Vulgar abuse ?