FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

FIRST SEMESTER 2016/2017 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE:	MCT 412
COURSE TITLE:	MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
CREDIT UNITS:	2
TIME ALLOWED:	3 HOURS
COURSE LECTURER(S):	PROFESSOR NICHOLAS IWOKWAGH & BARR. KASSIM AGBONIKA
NUMBER OF QUESTIONS:	3
NUMBER OF PAGES:	2

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all questions
- Do **not** use red pen
- Please use a clear handwriting
- This exam is closed book, closed notes, closed laptop and closed cell phone
- Please use non-programmable calculators only

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   But when you began investigation, you realized that Mr. Abah was a thug know for brutalizing neighbors, asking them to settle him for protection and operating a drinking joint for gangsters. Most people you interviewed believe the attack on Mr. Abah could have even come from his own party members whom he had bullied and beaten. Knowing that this is not necessarily the story your paper wants,attempt the following.

   (a) Comment on the scenario above. 5 marks.

   (b) Mention the sources of Media Law and Ethics 4 marks.

   (c) List six ethical values. 3 marks.

   (d) Compare ethics and morality. 3 marks

   TOTAL 15 marks

2. Chris just interviewed the commander of a local separatist group banned by the federal government. The group enjoys popular support from the peasants who though are themselves not fighters but are thrilled by the idea of a promoted independent caliphate. Chris had assured the commander and the community chief of protection of identities and circumstances of the interview even before they helped him setup it up. The man told Chris he has killed, kidnapped and raped many a person. Chris doesn't like this view but he wants the public to hear of it. Not long, the state security service phoned Chris asking for the names of those who help set up the interview, where it took place and other details. They told him that it is not good to keep facts about terrorists from the security.

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   b. In what five different ways does ethics differ from law 5 marks.

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