FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

FIRST SEMESTER 2014/2015 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE:	MCT 412
COURSE TITLE:	MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
CREDIT UNITS:	2
TIME ALLOWED:	2 HOURS 30 MINUTES
COURSE LECTURER(S):	PROFESSOR NICHOLAS IWOKWAGH & BARR KASSIM S. AGBONIKA
NUMBER OF QUESTIONS:	4
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

1. Chris just interviewed the commander of a local separatist group banned by the federal government. The groupenjoys 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 setup 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.
   a. Discuss the ethical issues involved
   b. Discuss any three of the canons of journalism

2. a. With reference to relevant constitutional and statutory provisions, explain the issue of ownership of the media.
   b. What is the significance of section 22 of the constitution to the mass media?
   c. Why does broadcasting require government permit?

3. a. Mention 2 significance of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
   b. Mention 2 limitations of the provisions of the FOIA
   c. Differentiate between the following
      i. The proactive and the responsive duty to disclose under the FOIA
      ii. The FOIA and the Official Secret Act (OSA)
   d. Give two examples of international legal instruments which agree with the FOIA

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, Publicity Secretary 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. NamadiLanre is aggrieved and desires your advice before proceeding to court.
   a. Will the court action be against Chief Green Orlando or the ruling GGP?
   b. What are the essentials which Namadi must prove?
   c. What three offences are available to Green?
   d. What is the difference between libel and slander?
   e. What is vulgar abuse?