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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

COMM 413: COMMUNICATION AND LAW

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY (8.30-10.30AM) DATE: 7/12/23

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3 PAGES)

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- i. What is the fundamental role of communication in society, and how does it relate to the concept of law? (6marks)
- ii. Explain **THREE** main areas of focus in family law and why they are significant in society (6marks)
- iii. The Kenyan law is classified into various categories. Describe any **TWO** and provide an example of legal area that falls under each category (6marks)
- iv. Assess the role of copyright laws in protecting the intellectual property rights of media content creators in Kenya. (4marks)
- v. In your own words, define the term sedition and give two examples to back up your understanding. (4marks)
- vi. Reporting on law courts can present various legal challenges and ethical considerations for journalists and media organizations. Explain **TWO** of these challenges. (4marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- i. How does the Access to Information Act promote transparency and accountability in Kenya? (8marks)
- ii. Discuss its significance for media organizations and journalists. (12marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Outline and demonstrate your understanding of **FOUR** key elements of the Kenyan Constitutions. (20marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Communication and *law* are two interconnected pillars that shape the functioning of modern societies. Justify this statement. (8marks)

Define defamation and explain **TWO** elements required to prove a defamation case (12marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

The relationship between communication and law is multifaceted and critical in contemporary society. State and clearly explain five key aspects of their intersection (20marks)

