



# **GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
JANUARY - APRIL 2021 SEMESTER**

**CERTIFICATE IN JOURNALISM AND MASS  
COMMUNICATION**

**COURSE CODE: CJMC 008**

**COURSE TITLE: BASICS IN MEDIA LAW**

**DATE: 12 MAY 2021  
PM**

**TIME: 3:00 PM - 5:00**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

**CAUTION:** All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.

**SECTION A: COMPULSORY**

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) Using examples, explain what is meant by the following concepts. **[10 Marks]**
- i. Contempt of court
  - ii. Defamation
  - iii. Right to privacy
  - iv. Reasonable restrictions.
- b) As a citizen of Kenya, right to information is a fundamental right. Discuss. **[20 Marks]**
- c) Ethics plays a big role in the society. Discuss. **[10 Marks]**

**SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) The code of conduct is a key concept in journalism. Discuss. **[20 Marks]**

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Using relevant examples, explain the meaning of the following concepts **[10 Marks]**
- i. Defamation
  - ii. Slander
  - iii. Libel
- b) There are various sources of law in Kenya. Identify and discuss them. **[10 Marks]**

**QUESTION FOUR**

- a) List five defences of defamation. **[5 Marks]**
- b) Explain the meaning of copyright law and demonstrate its sources. **[15 Marks]**

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Court retorting is a step by step process. Using examples, demonstrate this process. **[20 Marks]**