



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
JANUARY – APRIL 2019 SEMESTER**

**CERTIFICATE IN JOURNALISM AND MASS
COMMUNICATION**

COURSE CODE: CJMC 007

COURSE TITLE: BASICS IN MEDIA LAW

DATE: 10 APRIL 2019

TIME: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

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) Distinguish between canon law and common law [10 marks]
- b) Giving appropriate examples, discuss the **three** main ethical philosophies and their characteristics [10 marks]
- c) Highlight the **five** main functions of laws in the society [10 marks]
- d) Discuss the **three** factors that should be considered when doing court reporting [6 marks]
- e) Explain four justifications of studying media laws in the practice of journalism [4 marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) Briefly describe **five** parties to copy right act in media practice [10 marks]
- b) State any **five** defenses to breach of confidence [10 marks]

Question Three

- a) Discuss **five** parties to breach of confidence [5 marks]
- b) Explain the **five** main defences to breach of confidence [10 marks]

Question Four

- a) Discuss the **five** main elements to defamation [10 marks]
- b) Explain the **five** main defenses to defamation which the accused can use to defend themselves in the court of the law [10 marks]

Question Five

- a) Discuss the **five** main instances when a judge may suspend media reporting [10 marks]
- b) Explain the main functions of media laws in the practice of journalism [10 marks]

Question Six

- a) Explain the **five** role of the media in the society [10 marks]
- b) Briefly explain any **five** functions of barristers in the administration of justice [10 marks]