



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MASS COMMUNICATION
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS**

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS
COURSE CODE: MAC 411
CREDIT UNITS: 3
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS
INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER THREE (3) QUESTIONS

- 1a. What is the significance of law and ethics in media practice ? **(10 Marks)**
 - b. Explain the concept of press freedom and its evolution within the context of Nigerian law. **(7.5 Marks)**
 - c. How does the media play a role in upholding state security while balancing press freedom? **(7.5 Marks)**
2. What is the importance of protecting news sources or whistleblowers, and what legal protections exist for them in Nigeria? **(15 Marks)**
3. How does media regulation in Nigeria ensure ethical compliance by journalists and media organisations? **(15 Marks)**
4. What are the key legal challenges associated with new media and intellectual property laws in Nigeria? **(15 Marks)**
5. How does the Nigerian Constitution regulate the media, and what are its key provisions **(15 Marks)**