Summer Examinations 2015

JOU200115N

Module Title: Law and Public Affairs for Journalists
Level: Five
Time Allowed: Two hours

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number **not** your name on all answer books.
- Answer **three** questions: **all parts of Section A**, **one** question from Section B and **one** question from Section C.
- The same material should not constitute a substantial part of more than one question.
- Section A carries 10% of the overall marks.
  Section B carries 45% of the overall marks.
  Section C carries 45% of the overall marks.
- Begin each answer in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.
- Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.

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Section A

Answer all parts of this section.

Question 1

Explain the meaning of the following legal and governmental terms used by journalists:

a. Libel
b. Select committee
c. Strict liability offence
d. Secretary of State
e. Privy Council
f. Honest opinion
g. Royal assent
h. Committee stage of a public bill
i. Summary proceedings
j. Queen’s speech

Section A Total: 10 marks
Section B

Law for journalists

Answer one question from this section.

Question 2

What restrictions are placed on journalists reporting crime and criminal trials by the Contempt of Court Act, 1981? Section 5 offers a defence against contempt as a discussion of public affairs. Using case study examples explain how this defence has worked in practice.

Question 3

Explain the changes introduced by the Defamation Act, 2013. How will the changes help or hinder journalists when exercising their right to freedom of speech?

Question 4

What material is covered by the Copyright Act of 1988 and what defences are there for infringement of copyright in both criminal and civil law? Explain the concept of fair dealing as it applies to the Copyright Act using case study examples.

Section B Total: 45 marks

End of Section B
Section C follows overleaf
Section C

Government for journalists

Answer one question from this section.

Question 5

What is the role of the Queen in Britain’s constitutional monarchy and what mechanisms allow the government to exercise power in the name of the sovereign?

Question 6

Explain how a political party’s manifesto promise becomes a law.

Question 7

Explain the UK’s role within the European Union and analyse the possible ramifications should the country decide to leave the EU.

Section C Total: 45 marks

End of Section C

End of Paper