Summer Examinations 2015

JOU300115N

Module Title: Law and International Media Regulation
Level: Six
Time Allowed: One hour 30 minutes

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 terms used by journalists:

a. Watershed
b. Journalistic material
c. Impunity
d. Strict liability
e. Right to Reply

Section A Total: 10 marks

End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Law

Answer one question from this section.

Question 2

Explain the purpose of judicial reviews, citing examples of contemporary cases, and explain why they have become controversial in recent times.

Question 3

Explain how the Supreme Court was established and how it functions. Give recent examples of high profile decisions made by the court involving the media.

Question 4

Summarise the key concerns and issues that have to be kept in mind by journalists before reporting on any crown court case.

Section B Total: 45 marks

End of Section B
Section C follows overleaf
Section C

Media Regulation

Answer one question from this section.

Question 5

Explain the circumstances of how the Independent Press Standards Organisation was established and how it differs from its predecessor, the Press Complaints Commission.

Question 6

Outline what provisions the Ofcom code makes for protecting under 18s and children from potentially harmful broadcast material.

Question 7

Explain the role and effectiveness of organisations like Reporters Without Borders and Committee for the Protection of Journalists.

Section C Total: 45 marks