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2021 RESIT EXAMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

COMS 201: MEDIA LAW

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

STUDENT ID No.

INSTRUCTIONS:

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A.
ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN SECTION B IN THE ANSWER BOOKLET.**

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EXAMS QUESTIONS

SECTION A

Answer all questions

1. The part of English law that is derived from custom and judicial rather than statutes is called?
 - a) Law of equity
 - b) Common law
 - c) Customary law
 - d) Trust law

2. Common law is a reflection of social customs.
 - a) True
 - b) False

3. Equity assist those who sleep on their right.
 - a) True
 - b) False

4. The constitution is a source of law in Ghana.
 - a) True
 - b) False

5. He who seeks equity may decide to do equity
 - a. True
 - b. false

6. Only clean hand can come to equity.
 - a) True
 - b) False

7. Common and equity has nothing in common
 - a) True
 - b) False

8. What article in the 1992 constitution can the source of law be found?
 - a. Article 6
 - b. Article 265
 - c. Article 11
 - d. Article 1

9. Is a Customary law a source of law in Ghana?
 - c) True
 - d) False

10. The national media commission consist of all these members **except**:
- a) Two persons appointed by the president
 - b) Three persons nominated by the parliament
 - c) One representative nominate by the Ghana Bar association
 - d) Four representatives from the Muslim Councils and Ahmadiyya Mission

Where can the following be found in the 1992 constitution?

11. Freedom and independence of the media are hereby guaranteed.
- a) Article 163
 - b) Article 162
 - c) Article 166
 - d) Article 164
12. All state-owned media shall afford fair opportunities and facilities for the presentation of divergent views and dissenting opinions.
- a) Article 162
 - b) Article 166
 - c) Article 164
 - d) Article 163
13. The provisions of articles 162 and 163 of this constitution are subject to laws that are reasonably required in the interest of national security, public order, public morality and for the purpose of protecting the reputations, rights and freedoms of the other persons.
- a) Article 163
 - b) Article 164
 - c) Article 162
 - d) Article 166
14. There shall be established by Act of parliament within six months after parliamentary first meets after the coming into force of this constitution.
- a) Article 166
 - b) Article 164
 - c) Article 163
 - d) Article 162
15. Where can the functions of the National Media Commission be found?
- a) Article 170
 - b) Article 167
 - c) Article 169
 - d) Article 168

16. The commission shall appoint the chairmen and other members of the governing bodies of public corporations managing the state-owned media in consultation with the President.
- a) Article 168
 - b) Article 167
 - c) Article 170
 - d) Article 169
17. Editors of the state owned media shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the respective corporations in consultation with the Public Service Commission.
- a) Article 170
 - b) Article 167
 - c) Article 168
 - d) Article 169
18. The Commission shall appoint the officers and the other employees in consultation with the Public Service Commission.
- a) Article 167
 - b) Article 168
 - c) Article 170
 - d) Article 169
19. National media commission shall consist of fifteen members
- a) Article 168
 - b) Article 170
 - c) Article 166
 - d) Article 167
20. There shall be no impediments to the establishment of private press or media; and in particular, there shall be no law requiring any person to obtain a licence as a prerequisite to the establishment or operation of a newspaper, journal or other media for mass communication or information.
- a) Article 162 subsection 4
 - b) Article 162 subsection 5
 - c) Article 162 subsection 1
 - d) Article 162 subsection 3
21. Subject to this Constitution and any other law not inconsistent with this Constitution, there shall be no censorship in Ghana
- a) Article 162 subsection 2
 - b) Article 162 subsection 3
 - c) Article 162 subsection 4
 - d) Article 162 subsection 5

22. All agencies of the mass media shall, at all times be free to uphold the principles, provisions and objectives of this Constitution, and shall uphold the responsibility and accountability of the Government to the people of Ghana.

- a) Article 162 subsection 6
- b) Article 162 subsection 2
- c) Article 162 subsection 5
- d) Article 162 subsection 4

23. Editors and publishers of newspapers and other institutions of the mass media shall not be subject to control or interference by Government, nor shall they be penalized or harassed for their editorial opinion and views, or the content of their publications.

- a) Article 162 subsection 1
- b) Article 162 subsection 2
- c) Article 162 subsection 3
- d) Article 162 subsection 4

24. Any medium of the dissemination of the information to the public which publishes a statement about or against any person shall be obliged to publish a rejoinder, if any, from the person in respect of whom the publication was made.

- a) Article 162 subsection 6
- b) Article 162 subsection 2
- c) Article 162 subsection 5
- d) Article 162 subsection 4

25. Under the Functions of the National Media Commission, the 1992 Constitution stated only six (6) functions.

- a) True
- b) False

26. The use of literary work in translation for personal use is an infringement on copyright laws.

- a) True
- b) False

27. For work to be protected under copyright it must be

- a) Written down and dated
- b) Well understood by the public
- c) Fixed in a definite medium of expression
- d) High quality

28. How many years after the death of an author may his work be reproduced freely?

- a) 75 years
- b) 70 years
- c) 60 years
- d) 45 years

29. Ideas, methods, concepts and procedures are excluded from copyright.

- a) True
- b) False

30. Copyright may be transferred by operation of law, assignment or testamentary disposition.

- a) True
- b) False

SECTION B
ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTION ONLY

Question 1

- a. Discuss the circumstances imposing the breach of confidence.
- b. Discuss the defences available for a breach of confidence.

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Question 2

State three functions each of the following institutions

- Ghana National Media Commission
- Ghana Journalists Association
- National Communications Authority

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Question 3

Discuss the following:

- Infringement Damages
- Flagrant Damages
- Account of Profit
- Delivery up

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