

# CENTRAL UNIVERSITY



## **FACULTY OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDIES**

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION – 2022/2023  
COMM 201: MEDIA LAW  
LEVEL 200  
MORNING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2023  
DURATION: 3 HOURS

STUDENT ID No. ....

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- (i) Answer Question 1 (Compulsory) and any other TWO (2) Questions
- (ii) All Answers must be provided on the Answer Sheet

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**Lecturer: Mr. Bright Applah**

1. Cynthia Amankwaah is a public figure in Ghana who has starred in several movies and has had a successful music career spanning over a decade. Within the country, she is regarded as a celebrity who is often times flanked by members of the paparazzi who try to get her pictures printed in magazines and online social media sites.

This past April, Cynthia's sister, Abena, got married. In order to prevent access to the event by members of the paparazzi and uninvited persons due to Cynthia's presence, the family decided to host the wedding in a secret location, a private island, with access to the event strictly by invitation. During the course of the planning of the event, Cynthia contemplated selling her images during the wedding to a specific magazine, *I'm Aware*, granting them the sole right to publishing images from the event. During the day of the event members of the paparazzi, without consent and authorization, got access to the pictures and intend to publish them without her approval.

- a) In the case that Cynthia's images during a private event were taken and published by unauthorized parties without her consent despite being a public figure, advise the course of action Cynthia should take against the magazine?  
**20 marks**

- b) In the event where Cynthia sold the right to images from the event to *I'm Aware* magazine but the images were published by *Agye Mante* newspaper which had no agreement or contract with Cynthia, will the court decide differently? Explain.  
**20 marks**

2. Eric Ofori is a renowned musician in Ghana who has written, composed, and featured in a number of 'hit songs' in the country. As he approaches old age, Eric decided to see his lawyer in an attempt to transfer songs registered under copyright to one of his sons. During the discussion with his lawyer, he inquires about how many years a song can last before its copyright expires and whether the same copyright rules/terms apply to songs made by individuals and groups of people.

- a) As a lawyer, advise him on three (3) forms available to do the transfer. **15 marks**

- b) State the duration of copyright for the following:

- i. Individuals
- ii. Corporate bodies
- iii. Joint Authors

**15 marks**

3. Explain three(3) functions for each of the following:

- a) The National Media Commission
- b) The Ghana Journalists Association
- c) The National Communications Authority

**30 marks**

4. a) Discuss the circumstances imposing the breach of confidence.

**12 marks**

b) Discuss the following:

- i. Infringement Damages
- ii. Flagrant Damages
- iii. Account of Profit
- iv. Delivery up

**18 marks**