



# ICM

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MEDIA LAW & ETHICS

**Instructions to candidates:**

- a) Time allowed: Three hours (plus an extra ten minutes' reading time at the start – do not write anything during this time)
  - b) Answer any FIVE questions
  - c) All questions carry equal marks. Marks for each question are shown in [ ]
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- 1. There may be occasions when it becomes necessary for a court to postpone its proceedings. Explain the powers that a court has to postpone its proceedings. [20]
  - 2. Journalists will, typically, go to great lengths to keep their sources confidential. However, there will be occasions when it becomes necessary to disclose a source. Explain what these circumstances are. [20]
  - 3. Explain the terms **licences of copyright** and **assignments of copyright**, giving examples of each. [20]
  - 4. The law of copyright is not always straightforward. There can be particular challenges in determining who owns copyright. Review the challenges a court will face in deciding copyright issues. [20]
  - 5. Establishing breach of confidence can be challenging. Review the factors that an individual must establish to support a claim of breach of confidence. [20]
  - 6. Explain the key offences and defences in respect of inciting racial hatred. [20]
  - 7. Statute and case law has established a number of defences that can be used in response to an allegation of libel. Explain what these defences are. [20]
  - 8. A journalist needs to ensure that they are familiar with the law in respect of contempt of court. Analyse the offences and defences in respect of contempt of court. [20]