Final Examination
Semester 2 / Year 2011

COURSE : MEDIA LAWS IN MALAYSIA
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TIME : 2 1/2 HOURS
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Notes to candidates:
1) The question paper consists of 1 page and 5 questions.
2) Answer all questions.
3) All the answers must be clearly and correctly numbered.
4) Return the question paper with your answer booklet.
Essay Questions
Answer all the questions in essay format.

1. Define and explain “Libel” and “Slander” in Defamation Act 1957. Support your elaboration with relevant examples or cases.

   (20 marks)

2. The controversies of the “Freedom of Speech” restriction have been commonly found under the acts of Sedition 1948, Defamation 1957, and Internal Security 1960. Do you agree or disagree? Provide your points of view by citing relevant examples that happened in our community.

   (20 marks)

3. In the Internal Security Act 1960, Section 8 is “Power to order detention or restriction of persons”. This section has been used severely to detain many people without trial, especially those leaders of political parties in our country. This has created numerous ISA contentions that human rights were threatened and abused.

   Should ISA be amended or abolished? Give your stand and explanation.

   (20 marks)

4. The advancement of Information Technology and the widespread usage of the Internet have evolved into media convergence. Thus, all the press and media owners need to apply for license under the Communication and Multimedia Act 1998 and are regulated by the Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984. The licensing and censorship are limiting the freedom of the press. Discuss.

   (20 marks)

5. What is written and unwritten law in Malaysia? Explain and distinguish them.

   (20 marks)