

**FINAL**  
Examination Paper

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Course : **COM1104: Media Law And Ethics**

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Time : 5:00pm – 7:00pm Reading Time : Nil

Duration : 2 Hours

**Special Instructions :**

**SECTION A:** Answer any **FIFTEEN (15)** terms.

**SECTION B:** Answer any **THREE (3)** short answer questions.

**SECTION C:** Answer any **TWO (2)** essay questions.

Materials permitted : Nil

Materials provided : Nil

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**Instruction:** This paper consists of **THREE (3) SECTIONS**. Define **FIFTEEN (15)** terms in **SECTION A**; answer any **THREE (3)** questions in **SECTION B** and answer any **TWO (2)** questions in **SECTION C**.

**SECTION A: DEFINING TERMS**

This section contains **TWENTY (20)** terms. Define **FIFTEEN (15)** terms out of the **TWENTY (20)** terms. All questions carry equal marks of 2 marks each. **(30 marks)**

1. Private law
2. Written law
3. Subsidiary legislation
4. Customary law
5. Parliament
6. Separation of Powers
7. Contempt of Court
8. Official secret
9. Broadcast
10. Censorship
11. Phishing
12. Hacking
13. Injunction
14. Subpoena
15. Malice
16. Innuendo
17. Plagiarism
18. Trade mark
19. Patent
20. Industrial Design

**SECTION B:** Answer any **THREE (3)** questions in the answer booklet provided. All questions carry equal marks of 10 marks each. **(30 marks)**

**Question 1**

Describe the jurisdiction and powers of the High Court in Malaysia. (10 marks)

**Question 2**

Define defamation and discuss the differences between 'libel' and 'slander'. (10 marks)

**Question 3**

Identify and explain the **FOUR (4)** aspects of privacy. (10 marks)

**Question 4**

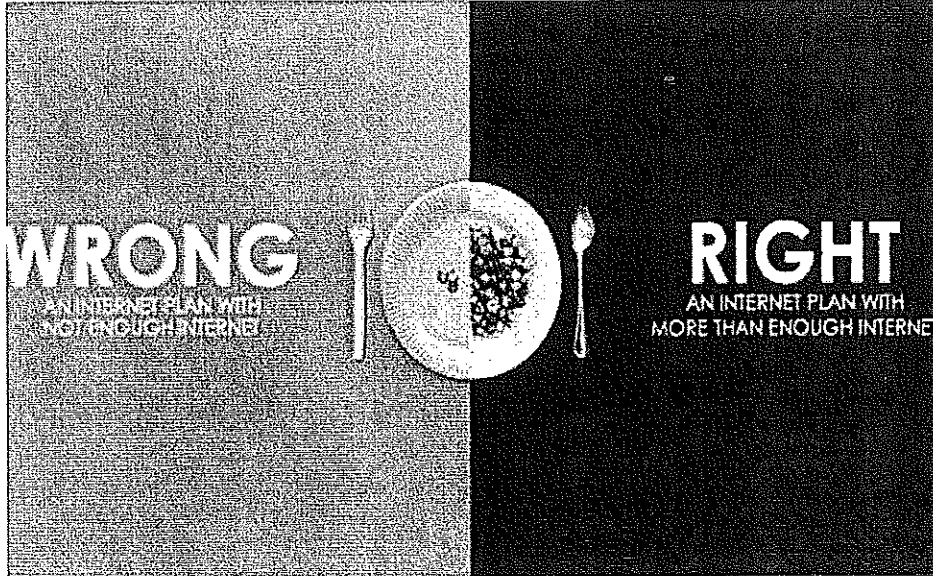
Describe any **FIVE (5)** categories of work eligible for copyright protection under the Copyright Act 1987. (10 marks)

**Question 5**

Define obscenity and explain and explain any **TWO (2)** legislations which deal with the dissemination of obscene material in Malaysia. (10 marks)

**SECTION C:** Answer any **TWO (2)** questions in the answer booklet provided. **(40 marks)**

**Question 1**



(Source: [www.mobile88.com](http://www.mobile88.com))

With reference to the above advertisement, discuss the concept of comparative advertising and the relevant laws that regulate comparative advertising in Malaysia.

(20 marks)

**Question 2**

“The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) is not the only agency with the authority to investigate complaints regarding content in the Internet. Content provision in the Internet is bound by all relevant laws in the country...”

With reference to the above statement, discuss any FIVE (5) types of offences committed involving the Internet and the relevant laws that regulate such offences in Malaysia.

(20 marks)

**Question 3**

Discuss the liability for the republication of a defamatory statement and describe any **FOUR (4)** defences available to an action for defamation in Malaysia.

(20 marks)