

FINAL

ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT

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Session : April 2021

Programme : Diploma In Mass Communication (DMCN/DMC)

Course : COM2130: Media Issue and Content

Date of Examination :

Time Start : July 30, 2021 (Friday) @ 8:00 am

Time End : July 31, 2021 (Saturday) @ 8:00 am

Duration : 24 Hours

Special Instructions :

Answer ALL questions

Material permitted : NIL

Materials provided : NIL

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Alternate Assessment Questions

Answer **ALL** questions. (100 marks)

Question 1

Emergency Ordinance grants Putrajaya sweeping powers against 'fake news' 11 Mar 2021, 6:49 pm, Published by Malaysia Kini.

The federal government has gazetted an ordinance supposedly to combat "fake news" relating to Covid-19 or the emergency proclamation but which in reality gives it sweeping powers with grave implications for press freedom.

The Emergency (Essential Powers) (No. 2) Ordinance 2021 dated March 11, which takes effect tomorrow, stated that perpetrators who spread "fake news" in writing, videos, audio recordings or in any other forms that may convey "words or ideas" will face action.

The ordinance grants the courts powers to order the removal of a publication if it is determined to be "fake news", failing which the court may order the police or an authorised officer to do so. The ordinance also overrides the Evidence Act 1950 and gives the police the powers to arrest, enforce, investigate and inspect.

It also grants authorities access to computerised data as well as the preservation of website traffic data. It requires the disclosure of stored traffic data if requested. Under the seizable offences section of the ordinance, any investigation under the law does not require a warrant.

The law also applies to any person regardless of their nationality or citizenship who spreads fake news outside the country.

The punishment would be a fine not exceeding RM100,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or both and in the case of a continuing offence, a further fine not exceeding RM1,000 for each day the offence continues after conviction.

It is worth noting that the gazetted ordinance bears a resemblance to the Anti-Fake News Act which was passed by the BN government just before GE14 in 2018 and which was subsequently repealed by the Pakatan Harapan administration.

Malaysia in the past few decades has experienced a flooding of old and new media which are, without any doubt, a highly significant part of contemporary young people's lives. However in recent years, privacy issues such as cybersecurity threat and fake news have escalated social media platforms.

From the article above, explain **5 (FIVE)** code of online ethics. Your essay should consist of **550 – 600 words**.

(25 marks)

Question 2

Facebook describes itself as a “social utility that connects people with friends and others who work, study and live around them.” In your own opinion, explain **5 (FIVE)** ways Malaysian youth can use Facebook to build national unity and promote media use.

Your essay should consist of **550 – 600 words**.

(25 marks)

Question 3

Netflix, Amazon Plus, Hulu, Disney Plus, HBO Max and other premium subscription-based streaming services offer various contents and genres to be viewed for its audience. However, some are deemed to be inappropriate which contain nudity, violence, sexual, drugs, strong language, cult and others which can be accessed for viewing.

In 2019, FINAS CEO called for censorship of Netflix, citing the high number of violence and sexual content in most of the popular streaming platforms as the reason. Do you agree with this move?

Explain your answer from the perspective of media by writing an essay which consists of **550-600 word** count.

(50 marks)

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