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**2020 EXAMINATION** ...

**COURSE CODE:** MAC423  
**COURSE TITLE:** BOOK PUBLISHING AND THE LAW  
**UNIT:** 3  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 3 HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

1. The government from time to time does classify certain documents into secret ones whose contents should not be reported or seen by unauthorised persons and/or be published.
  - (a) State and explain such classifications. **(10 Marks)**
  - (b) Give appropriate examples of the classification. **(7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Marks)**
  
2.
  - (a) Explain to a novice the reason for the promulgation of the Official Secrets Act by the colonial government in 1891 **(7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**
  - (b) Explain to a year one student what you understand by the word “Piracy.” **(10 marks)**
  
3.
  - (a) What do you understand by the law of Sedition? **(8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>marks)**
  - (b) What can make the government charge a journalist to court for sedition? **(9marks)**
  
4.
  - (a) Kindly enumerate to an emerging author the relevance of book indexing **(10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**
  - (b) Write briefly on the poor reading culture in Nigeria and how it can be solved. **(7 marks)**
  
5. State and explain the trends in Global Book Publishing that changed the traditional way of publishing books in Nigeria. **(17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**
  
6.
  - (a) Write a short note on the law of defamation, stating the difference between slander and libel **(10 Marks)**.
  - (b) How can a person know that he/she has been defamed **(7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> marks)**