



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
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**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE  
DEGREE OF MASTERS OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION  
STUDIES**

**CITY CAMPUS - DAY**

**AMS 804: MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY**

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

Time: 2.00 - 5.00pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.

1. (a) 'Access to information is essential to the health of democracy'. Discuss (10marks)  
(b) How far has the above been achieved in Kenya? (10marks)
2. Discuss constraints faced by the media in enhancing democracy and how they could be surmounted. (20marks)
3. 'The best way for the media to achieve its role of promoting democracy in society is through media pluralism and independent presses. Discuss (20marks)
4. State the resolutions of Windhoek ( UNESCO) declaration of 1991 on *promotion of press freedom in the world* and discuss the extent to which this has been achieved in African states (20marks)
5. Using relevant examples, compare and contrast the operations of the press in democratic and authoritarian states. (20marks)