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Critical Thinking

CRIT1

Unit 1 Foundation Unit

Monday 20 May 2013 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- Source Material (enclosed).

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Answers written in margins or on blank pages will not be marked.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 70 (50 for Section A and 20 for Section B).
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- The recommended time allocation for this examination is as follows:
 - Initial reading: 15 minutes
 - Section A: 45 minutes
 - Section B: 30 minutes.



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Section A

Study **Documents A, B and C** before answering **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

There are **50 marks** available for this section.

Questions 1 to 3 refer to Document A.

1 In paragraph 1, it says that McMullan defended hacking as a legitimate means of obtaining information.

Given that phone hacking is illegal, suggest **one** possible meaning that the word 'legitimate' might have here.

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2 In paragraph 2, McMullan says, "what the paper was doing was justified as the British public bought the paper in their millions."

Explain the flaw in McMullan's argument.

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3 Read what McMullan says in paragraph 4, reproduced below, before answering Question 3.

“Sometimes you have to enter a grey area that I think we should sometimes be applauded for entering, because it’s a very dangerous area. My life has been at risk many times, at home more than in war zones. I used to get a death threat at least once a month for 15 years of my career.”

Comment critically on what McMullan says in paragraph 4.

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Questions 4 to 8 refer to Document B.

4 Read the following extract before answering Question 4.

Vicky Call me crazy, but I think McMullan is right, because sometimes the end justifies the means. And if truth is the goal we seek, then any means of getting it is justified, including hacking into people’s phones.

Analyse Vicky’s argument by identifying the conclusion and reasons.

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5 Louise responds to Vicky’s opening argument by claiming that, for her argument to work, she has to assume that “...truth is always more important than anything else”.

Is Louise right? Briefly explain why/why not.

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6 Read the following extract before answering Question 6.

Vicky Look, the truth is more precious than anything else, including people’s so-called right to privacy. For one thing, the hard-won truths of modern medicine were got by invading the body’s privacy; teams of medical students literally hacking into corpses with their saws and knives. And not just corpses. There’s invasive surgery too. And what about brain scans? What’s more important, the body’s health or mobile phones? Medical researchers are just like phone hacking journalists – they invade people’s privacy to get at the truth. And if it’s good enough for medicine, it’s good enough for journalism.

Vicky’s argument depends on her use of an analogy between phone hacking and medical research.

Assess the strength of this analogy.

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7 Read the following extract before answering Question 7.

Louise But some truths are a waste of time because they're worthless. For example, no one knows the truth about how many hairs you have on your head, but that doesn't give other, weirdly curious people the right to invade the privacy of your hair with a comb and a magnifying glass so as to discover the truth which is "more precious than anything else".

Vicky You're making my case look ridiculous by twisting what I said, just to win the argument...

Name the flaw that Vicky is accusing Louise of making, and assess whether Vicky's accusation is fair.

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8 At the end of Vicky’s speech about the ‘secret truths about powerful politicians and famous celebrities’, she claims that:

“If the public find them interesting, then they are in the public interest.”

Explain how Vicky commits the flaw of equivocation here.

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11 At the end of **Document C**, a reader comments on McMullan’s argument by stating that:

“This is the guy who openly admits to fiddling his expenses! How can we trust anything he says?”

Is this an effective challenge? Explain your answer.

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