Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Write the best answer for each question on the line. Each answer in this section is worth one point.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1. If you nab a photo off the Internet to print in your publication, you should assume the material is …

a. ©

b. ™

c. π

d. ∞

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which of the following guarantees the freedom of the press in the United States?

a. Declaration of Independence

b. Articles of Confederation

c. First Amendment to the Constitution

d. Magna Carta

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. What organization helps middle school, high school and college journalists by providing free legal advice?

a. Collegiate Legal Press

b. Columbia Scholastic Law Association

c. Student Press Law Center

d. National Scholastic Law Center

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Which of the following does not contribute to the credibility of the press?

a. believability

b. impartiality

c. sensationalism

d. accuracy

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. What is fair, neutral reporting called?

a. objective

b. unethical

c. biased

d. privileged

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. What ethical principle of the press dictates that if you print criticism of someone, that person is allowed to respond in the same story?

a. fairness to all

b. attribution

c. the truth

d. right of reply

\_\_\_\_\_\_7. This is the practice of passing off another’s work as your own.

a. plagiarism

b. libel

c. invasion of privacy

d. slander

\_\_\_\_\_\_8. Which of the following best describes libel?

a. fair, neutral reporting

b. false written defamation of character

c. responsible journalism

d. false spoken defamation of character

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which of the following defends a film, music or theater critic against charges of libel as long as the critic simply presents opinions and does not write falsehoods?

a. privileged statements

b. fair comment

c. forum theory

d. objectivity

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. A school newspaper that has been declared a place for the free exchange of ideas through columns, letters and so on may not be subject to censorship. Which principle applies?

a. invasion of privacy

b. fair comment

c. open forum theory

d. privileged statements

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Can facts be copyrighted?

a. yes

b. no

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Is it legal for a minor to request a police report?

a. yes

b. no

Match the year and significance with each case:

a. 1969. You don’t lose your rights at the schoolhouse gate

b. 1964. Established actual malice in a libel suit

c. 2004. Can’t suppression of an oppositional viewpoint

d. 1988. The administration censored stories concerning teen pregnancy and the effects of divorce on children from a school-sponsored student newspaper.

e. 1973. First Amendment doesn’t apply to unwanted sexual content.

f. 1977. Circuit Court decision helped to establish school publications could be forums

g. 2007. Student speech promoting drug use isn’t covered by First Amendment.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Gambino v. Fairfax

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 15. Miller v. California

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Tinker v. Des Moines

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Dean v. Utica

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 18. New York Times v. Sullivan

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Morse v. Frederick

Short answer portion:

20. Name one ethical lapse as studied in class and discuss why it is problematic.

Name five freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment:

21. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

22. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

23. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

24. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

25. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Test scenarios (25 points each)

For these scenarios, you will need to identify the items you need to consider, outline your approach, state your final decision and supply reasoning.

Pick three of the four scenarios to answer. Please indicate which scenarios you are answering by labeling each answer.

26. Scenario 1

Several students have started a petition to "encourage" Mr. Smythe to retire. This petition has started to gain some ground and now 126 people have signed it. The students who started the petition allege the teacher often sleeps in his study hall and often has to check the teacher's edition of the textbook to make sure he's correct. Several students — including the editor in chief — has signed the petition. You've been assigned the story. When you look into who has signed the petition, you find only 74 of the students on the list have had the teacher. Many students are eager to speak on the topic, and you've interviewed 15 of them already. Most have indicated Mr. Smythe only recently became a terrible teacher — but they are fed up with his sporadic attendance and inability to answer questions. You asked the administration for comment — to which you has a resounding "no comment" followed by "you can't publish this story." Deadline is tomorrow and Mr. Smythe is getting surgery today, so he is unavailable.

What do you do?

27. Scenario 2

You get a letter to the editor from Sammy Senior about the same teacher. It states the following:

Dear editor,

I am angry that our administration has decided to keep Mr. Smythe as a teacher. I personally delivered a petition to our dear principal, Ms. Carol, who based on the noise from her office as I left, callously threw the petition in the trash when I left her office. I mean, couldn't she at least recycle it?

Mr. Smythe has been absent for seven school days of the last three weeks. I personally saw him take something that looked like a flask and put something in his coffee mug. When I told Ms. Carol this, she told me to "mind my own business."

It's time we take back our school, and stage a protest during lunch next Thursday. Bring your posters and signs. It's time to take back our school!

Yours in solidarity,

Sammy Senior

What do you do? Do you run the letter as is? With changes?

28. Scenario 3

Coming back from lunch, you walk by the bathroom and hear someone getting sick. When he leaves the bathroom, you ask if he is OK. He states he is. This "just happens" sometimes. You recognize the voice. It's Mark Brown from your English class. Instinctively, you ask him how often it happens and start interviewing him on what it's like to get sick right after eating. You're surprised how open he is about this, but you keep asking questions while secretly recording the entire conversation on your phone. (You don't want taking notes to become obtrusive to the interview.) Excitedly, you go back to class. You've found a way to localize your story on bulimia.

Any problems?

29. Scenario 4

While photographing several athletes during Division 1 sports signing day the photographer astutely realizes Sam Slate is missing. The student publications have covered Sam's saga of college basketball team choice. In fact, the yearbook just sent off the coverage in the last deadline, which included an exclusive from Sam about all the basketball prospects clamoring to sign the stand-out player. On the way to the publications room, you run into the athletic director. You ask why Sam wasn't present at the signing — especially since you walked into school with Sam this morning. The AD seems a bit bewildered, but doesn't say anything. You take the photos to your editor.

The editor shrugs it off saying it is probably nothing. What should you do?