



FACULTY OF LAW
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - APRIL 2025

PROGRAMME: LLB

YEAR/SEM: YEAR 1/SEMESTER 1

COURSE CODE: LLB 1110

NAME: ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR LAWYERS

DATE: 2025-04-16

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Read the instructions very carefully
2. The time allowed for this examination is STRICTLY three hours
3. Read each question carefully before you attempt and allocate your time equally between all the Sections
4. Write clearly and legibly. Illegible handwriting cannot be marked
5. Number the questions you have attempted
6. Use of appropriate workplace examples to illustrate your answers will earn you bonus marks
7. Any examination malpractice detected will lead to automatic disqualification.

DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ON THE QUESTION PAPER

Section A ANSWER AT LEAST ONE QUESTION IN EACH SECTION. Section A is COMPULSORY. Each question carries 25 marks. Answer ALL parts of the question. Answers structured and supported with references or examples will earn higher marks.

Question 1:

Mikes Supermarket has launched a new range of "experience packages" where customers buy experience packages (such as driving a racing car) as a gift. Mikes Supermarket put up an advertisement at the entrance to the shop saying, "Special Introductory Offer! Free 200,000/= UGX gift voucher for you when you buy a Mikes Experience Package!"

Kathleen sees this notice and immediately buys a Mikes Experience Package for her father. She is disappointed when the store refused to give her a 200,000/= UGX gift voucher.

As an advocate at M/s Kyankwanzi Advocates, a prestigious Law firm located on the 1st floor of HM Towers, Plot 423 Lumumba Avenue, P.O Box 4109 Kampala. Kathleen has approached you with this legal issue and it requires immediate attention. You have agreed to take on Kathleen's instructions.

- a. Draft a Legal Memorandum of Understanding to formalize your instructions (15 MARKS)**
- b. Draft a demand notice/notice of intention to sue Mikes Supermarket for breach of contract. (10 MARKS)**

Section B ANSWER AT LEAST ONE QUESTION IN EACH SECTION. Each question carries 25 marks. Answer ALL parts of the question. Answers structured and supported with references or examples will earn higher marks.

Question 1:

Using relevant examples, discuss any 12 Equity Maxims and explain in elaborate sentences to bring out the clarity of meaning to each maxim.

Question 2:

Explain the meaning of the following words when used legally. **(2.5 MARKS EACH)**

- a) Action**
- b) Bench**
- c) Consideration**
- d) Will**
- e) Proceeding**
- f) Bar**
- g) Ex parte**
- h) Motion**
- i) Instrument**

j) Determine

Section C ANSWER AT LEAST ONE QUESTION IN EACH SECTION. Each question carries 25 marks. Answer ALL parts of the question. Answers structured and supported with references or examples will earn higher marks.

Question 1:

Non-verbal communication is one of the modes of communication that lawyers use in interviewing clients and expressing themselves in courts of law.

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- (a) Define non-verbal communication.
- (b) Discuss the importance of non-verbal communication in the legal profession.
- (c) Examine the various limitations to effective communication.

Question 2:

To succeed in your studies at the university, you must study by revising the notes you took during lectures and reading textbooks to understand better what you are reading. For better understanding, it is important that you as a student come up with a study plan that works best for you.

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Discuss the study plans and study tips that will help you to study better and gain good grades at the end of your undergraduate studies.

Question 3:

Law often appears in technical language, the meaning of which is not always apparent.

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- (a). What is legal language?
- (b) Discuss the characteristics of legal language.
- (c). In elaborate, clear ways, discuss the causes or influences of legal language.

Question 4:

As an LLB student who has just completed their course in English and communication skills for lawyers, what mechanisms do you intend to employ to build your reading comprehension skills?