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'Learning to Succeed'

FACULTY OF LAW

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - APRIL 2025

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COURSE CODE: LLB 1105
NAME: LEGAL FOUNDATIONS

DATE:
TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

SECTION A

This Question is Compulsory

Question 1:

During a public dialogue organised by your area member of parliament, Hon. Nalumansi Shibah, she informs you that parliament is in the process of coming up with a law regulating Cyber Harrasment in Uganda. In one of the focus-group discussions held during the dialogue, you introduced yourself as a First Year Law student at Excel University Uganda. Mr. Kaye, one of the discussants informs you of his intention of getting a more comprehensive understanding of the law making process in Uganda.

Your area Member of parliament Hon. Nalumansi requests you to address the meeting on the following areas: -

1. a) The law making process in Uganda

2. b) What happens in case the president refuses to assent to the Bill, and what could be done to ensure that the Bill

becomes law? **[25 Marks].**

Question 2:

Mr. Kyakabale Rayan, a student at Excel University Uganda and your neighbour, who is also undertaking the Foundational course has approached you and would like to understand the jurisdiction, composition and hierarchy of Courts of judicature in Uganda. With reference to relevant authorities, advise Mr. Kyakabale. [25 Marks]

SECTION B

Choose only one question from the two questions in this Section.

Question 1:

Write Short Notes on the following:(25 Marks):

a) Ratio Decidendi

b Stare Decisis

c) Obiter Dictum

d) Differences between the Doctrines of Equity and Common law

e) Differences between Round and Square Brackets in Law Reporting

Question 2:

Write Short Notes on the Following Cases (25 Marks):

a) Rex v Amkeyo (1917) E.A.L.R 7

b) Woolmington v DPP [1935] UKHL 1

c) Miller v Minister of Pensions [1947] 2 ALLER 372

d) Attorney General v Hon. Michael Kabaziguruka, Constitutional Appeal No. 2 of 2021

e) John Nsereko v George Gitta [1975] HCB 152

Question 3:

Write Short Notes on the differences between the Branches of law (25 Marks):

a) Common law and Civil law

b) Civil and Criminal law

c) Domestic/Municipal law and International law

d) Public and Private law

e) Procedural law and Substantive law

Question 4:

Write Short Notes on the following Cases:

a) Uganda Law Society v Attorney General, Constitutional Petition 18 of 2005

b) Rex v Amkeyo (1917) E.A.L.R 7

c) Saverino Twinobusingye v Attorney General [2012] UGCC 1

d) Uganda v Commissioner of Prisons Exparte Matovu [1966] 1 EA 514

e) Gwao Bin Kilimo V Kisunda Bin Ifuti (1938) I.T.L.R(R) 403

SECTION C

Choose only Two(2) Questions from the Four Questions in this Section.

Question 1:

The legal system in Uganda is a fused grill of laws. Discuss the above statement with respect to the laws applicable in Uganda. 25 Marks

Question 2:

Critically discuss the differences between the Criminal law and Civil law. Illustrate your answer using clear examples, while highlighting the salient features of each legal system. 25 Marks

Question 3:

With reference to relevant authorities, distinguish between Principal and Subsidiary Legislation in Uganda. 25 Marks

Question 4:

With reference to relevant authorities, discuss the different theories of law and how they define law. 25 Marks

Question 5:

Discuss the Meaning of the term Precedent, the types of Precedent and Modes of Avoiding Precedent in Uganda. 25 Marks