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PROGRAMME: HEC
YEAR/SEM: YEAR 1/SEMESTER 2
COURSE CODE: FDN 1208
NAME: INTRODUCTION TO LAW

DATE:
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

SECTION A

Attempt all questions

Question 1:

Define Law and point out the different elements contained in the definition of law.

Question 2:

Give the various reasons as to why we study law.

Question 3:

Give four sources of law in Uganda.

Question 4:

Discuss the different Courts in Uganda.

Question 5:

Wha aret the types of precedent?

Question 6:

With the aid of examples, define the term customary law.

Question 7:

Define legal reasoning and its importance.

Question 8:

List the various branches of law in Uganda.

Question 9:

What does it mean to distinguish cases?

Question 10:

What are the contents of a case?

Question 11:

With the help of the Constitution of Uganda, give the main function of the parliament of Uganda.

Question 12:

Distinguish between written and unwritten law.

Question 13:

Explain the difference between civil and criminal law.

Question 14:

Distinguish between procedural and substantive law.

Question 15:

Why is it important to distinguish cases?

Question 16:

What’s the meaning of the term Stare Decisis?

Question 17:

Give the various divisions of the High Court of Uganda.

Question 18:

Which court in Uganda is responsible for interpreting the law?

Question 19:

What is a Bill?

Question 20:

Discuss the duty of the President of Uganda in the law making process.

SECTION B

Attempt any three questions

Question 1:

With the aid of relevant provisions of law, discuss the law making process in Uganda, highlighting the duty of the president.

Question 2:

Discuss the doctrine of Precedent as applied by Judges in Uganda.

Question 3:

Discuss in detail at least three cases that you've read and also highlight the elements of a case.

Question 4:

With the aid of relevant provisions of law, critically unravel the hierarchy of courts in Uganda.

Question 5:

Explain the various divisions of the High Court of Uganda and explain the functions of each division.

Question 6:

Discuss in detail the various sources of law in Uganda.

Question 7:

Analyze the various branches/ categories of law and explain the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Question 8:

Analyze the doctrine of legal reasoning in detail.

Question 9:

What are the implications of the case of Bruno Kiwuwa V Ivan Sserunkuma and Juliet Namazzi, on the customary law of Uganda.

Question 10:

Explain the various methods of studying law.