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COURSE CODE: FDN 1208
NAME: INTRODUCTION TO LAW

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

SECTION A

Answer all questions

Question 1:

Question 1 -4Marks

1. With the help of examples, explain how you understand by the term law.

Question 2:

Question two- 4 marks

list the various sources of law in Uganda.

Question 3:

Question three -4 marks

Briefly identify the various courts in Uganda, according to their hierarchy

Question 4:

Question four- 4 marks

Name four divisions of the High court of Uganda

Question 5:

Question five - 4 marks

With reference to the constitution of Uganda, discuss the cases that are handled by the High court of Uganda.

Question 6:

Question six- 4 marks

with reference to the constitution of Uganda, discuss the cases that are handled by the court of Appeal of Uganda.

Question 7:

Question seven- 4 marks

using the constitution of Uganda, discuss the composition of the Supreme Court of Uganda and the cases that are handled by the Supreme Court.

Question 8:

Question eight- 4 marks

Write short notes on the following

a) written Versus unwritten law

b) civil versus criminal law

Question 9:

Question nine - 4 marks

With reference to the constitution of Uganda, identify the organ responsible for making law in Uganda.

Question 10:

Question ten- 4 marks

Write short notes on the following

a) binding precedent

b) overruling precedent

Question 11:

Question eleven -4Marks

Explain what is meant by “law,” supporting your explanation with practical examples.

Question 12:

Question twelve -4 marks

List the courts that make up Uganda’s judiciary and show how they are ranked from highest to lowest.

Question 13:

Question thirteen -4 marks

write short notes on the following :

a) common law

b) Equity

Question 14:

Question fourteen -4 marks

Identify the courts that are lower than the High court in the hierarchy of courts in uganda

Question 15:

Question fifteen 4 marks

discuss the various importance of law in your community.

Question 16:

Question sixteen 4-marks

give the various reasons as to why you chose to study law

Question 17:

Question seventeen - 4Marks

with reference to the constitution of Uganda, discuss the composition and the cases that are

handled by the constitutional court of Uganda.

Question 18:

Question eighteen -4 marks

discuss the case of Donogue v Stevenson

Question 19:

Question nineteen -4 marks

Name four sources of law in Uganda

Question 20:

Question twenty -4 marks

Discuss what is meant by Stare decisis in law

SECTION B

Attempt three questions

Question 1:

section B

Question one -20 marks

Discuss the structure and functions of the various Divisions of the High Court of Uganda. In your answer, explain how these divisions contribute to the effective administration of justice.

Question 2:

Question two- 20 marks

Discuss the major branches of law in Uganda. In your answer, distinguish, giving examples of each and explaining their relevance to Uganda’s legal system.

Question 3:

Question three -20 marks

Discuss the law making process in Uganda under the 1995 Constitution. In your answer, examine the stages a Bill goes through in Parliament and the role of the President in assent or refusal to assent.

Question 4:

Question four 20MARKS

Critically examine the doctrine of precedent. In your answer, discuss its rationale, types of precedent, and the extent to which it promotes consistency and certainty in the Ugandan legal system.

Question 5:

Question five -20 marks

critically discuss the hierarchy of courts in Uganda. In your answer, explain their composition, the cases they handle and ranking.

Question 6:

Question six -20 marks

Discuss the primary and secondary sources of law in Uganda.

Question 7:

Question seven 20 marks

Write detailed notes on the following

a) procedural versus substantive law

b) National versus international law

c) civil versus criminal law

d) common law versus equity

Question 8:

Question eight -20 marks

write detailed notes on the following

a) persuasive precedent

b) binding precedent

c) original precedent

d) overruling precedent

Question 9:

Question nine-20 marks

Write detailed notes on the following :

a) The constitutional court

b) Magistrates courts

c) Local council courts

d) the Court of appeal

Question 10:

Question ten-20 marks

Write two cases that you've read. In your answer, explain the facts of the case, issues and the main principle in the case.