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A Level Law

H418/04 The nature of law and the law of contract

Time allowed: 2 hours

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You must have:
- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **four** questions in total:
- Answer **one** question in Section A.
- Choose **one** option in Section B. Answer the **three** questions in **either** Part 1 **or** Part 2 from the option you have chosen.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets **[ ]**.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **8** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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SECTION A

The nature of law

Answer **one** question using examples from your full course of study.

1* ‘The problem with defining justice is that very few people agree on what justice actually means.’

Discuss how the legal system defines justice given this statement. **[20]**

2* ‘The rule of law is a deceptive term because there is no single ‘rule’ to follow. It is best understood as a collection of principles designed to produce fair and just outcomes.’

Discuss this view of the rule of law. **[20]**

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SECTION B

Law of contract

Choose **Part 1** or **Part 2**

Part 1

Answer the **three** questions.

The first **two** questions are about the scenarios. The scenarios are **not** related.

Leo is an art dealer. He receives 3 emails offering to sell him paintings:

One email is from Amos. Leo replies to this email by post. Unfortunately, the letter is delayed in the post and takes 4 weeks to arrive. By this time, Amos had sold the painting to someone else.

Another email is from Rosa. Her email arrives at 10 pm on a Monday night. Leo emails back immediately. At 8 am the next morning Leo receives a phone call from Rosa to revoke her offer. Rosa had not seen Leo's email response before making the call to him.

The last email is from Sundip. It says that Leo has a week to reply. Two days later, Leo hears from a friend of Sundip that she had changed her mind about selling him the painting. After hearing this, Leo emailed Sundip saying he wished to accept her offer.

Anika is a racing driver. Black Ram, the team she drives for, makes a sponsorship deal with a soft drinks company. Under the deal both the team and Anika will receive £10 000 for every race that Anika wins while displaying the soft drink company's logo. The contract says nothing about Anika being able to sue the soft drinks company to claim any money due to her. Anika has won two races but the soft drinks company has not paid her any money.

Coupe makes race clothing. A Coupe designer tells Anika that their race suit would keep her cool in hot weather so Anika asks Black Ram to buy this suit for her. The suit is not appropriate for Anika and causes her to overheat and abandon a race.

After Anika wins a race, she treats her mechanics to a meal in a fancy restaurant. Although the meal was very expensive, they are all disappointed by the food and feel that it was not as described.

3 Advise whether Leo has made binding contracts with Amos **and** Rosa, **and** whether Sundip's offer has been successfully revoked. **[20]**

4 Advise whether issues of privity will prevent Anika from suing the soft drinks company **and** Coupe, **and** from suing the restaurant on behalf of herself and the mechanics. **[20]**

Essay question on the law of contract

5* Discuss the extent to which the presumption against legal intent in domestic **and** commercial contracts **and** the circumstances in which the presumption is rebutted, leads to predictable outcomes. **[20]**

Part 2

Answer the **three** questions.

The first **two** questions are about the scenarios. The scenarios are **not** related.

Blue Acres is a farm which members of the public can visit. There is a farm shop at Blue Acres. Tickets to visit the farm are purchased through their website. Before paying, purchasers have to scroll to the end of a lengthy set of terms in order to accept them. Three of the terms state:

1. The farm accepts no liability for injuries caused by any of the animals.
2. The farm accepts no liability for the quality of any goods sold in the farm shop.
3. Customers who park outside the designated car parking spaces will be charged a £100 fee.

Ben visits Blue Acres farm and stands next to a gate to look at some donkeys in a field. One of the donkeys puts its head over the gate and bites Ben on the shoulder, causing an injury.

Kareem visits Blue Acres farm shop and buys a scarf. When Kareem tries to wear the scarf, he finds that it is poorly made and has holes in it.

Ivan also visits Blue Acres farm. He mistakenly leaves his car in a space reserved for tractors. The following week he receives a letter demanding £100.

Emma contracts with Hi Zone Garage for her classic car to be serviced and to have a new music system installed in time for her sister's wedding. The garage estimates that the work will take one day but in fact, it takes two weeks.

Because the car is not ready in time, Emma misses the wedding which causes her great distress.

As she was expecting to have her car back in time, Emma had also paid for a space to exhibit her car in a classic car show. Emma can no longer attend the show and the price she paid for the space is non-refundable.

When Emma eventually gets the car back, she finds the music system is faulty as it is not possible to adjust the volume.

6 Advise whether the exclusion clauses on the Blue Acres website will prevent Ben **and** Kareem from claiming compensation **and** whether Ivan has to pay the £100. **[20]**

7 Advise what **common law** remedies Emma has against Hi Zone Garage for missing the wedding **and** for the wasted expenditure for the space at the classic car show, **and** what **statutory** remedies she can claim for the music system being faulty. You can assume that Hi Zone is in breach of contract for all three claims. **[20]**

Essay question on the law of contract

8* Discuss the extent to which the presumption against legal intent in domestic **and** commercial contracts **and** the circumstances in which the presumption is rebutted, leads to predictable outcomes. **[20]**

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