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Law LAW02

The Concept of Liability

Unit 2

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Assessment Objectives One and Two

General Marking Guidance

You should remember that your marking standards should reflect the levels of performance of candidates, mainly 17 years old, who have completed some part of the advanced subsidiary course, writing under examination conditions. The Potential Content given in each case is the most likely correct response to the question set. However, this material is neither exhaustive nor prescriptive and alternative, valid responses should be given credit within the framework of the mark bands.

Positive Marking

You should be positive in your marking, giving credit for what is there rather than being too conscious of what is not. Do not deduct marks for irrelevant or incorrect answers, as candidates penalise themselves in terms of the time they have spent.

Mark Range

You should use the whole mark range available in the mark scheme. Where the candidate's response to a question is such that the mark scheme permits full marks to be awarded, full marks must be given. A perfect answer is not required. Conversely, if the candidate's answer does not deserve credit, then no marks should be given.

Citation of Authority

Candidates will have been urged to use cases and statutes whenever appropriate. Even where no specific reference is made to these in the mark scheme, please remember that their use considerably enhances the quality of an answer.

Assessment Objective Three

2 marks	The work is characterised by some or all of the following:						
	clear expression of ideas						
	a good range of specialist terms						
	 few errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling 						
	 errors do not detract from the clarity of the material. 						
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	 errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling 						
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The level of understanding in AS Law – LAW02

To help you find the level of understanding shown in a script, there will be some of the following characteristics shown. It is important to remember that the assessment is aimed at the notional 17-year old, so the level of understanding required by these criteria will be that of the notional 17-year old.

Sound	 The material will be generally accurate and contain relevant material to the Potential Content. The material will be supported by generally relevant authority and/or examples. It will generally deal with the Potential Content in a manner required by the question. As a consequence, the essential features of the Potential Content are dealt with competently and coherently. 				
Clear	 The material is broadly accurate and relevant to the Potential Content. The material will be supported by some use of relevant authority and/or examples. The material will broadly deal with the Potential Content in a manner required by the question. 				
	As a consequence, the underlying concepts of the Potential Content will be present, though there may be some errors, omissions and/or confusion which prevent the answer from being fully rounded or developed.				
Some	 The material shows some accuracy and relevance to the Potential Content. The material may occasionally be supported by some relevant authority and/or examples. The material will deal with some of the Potential Content in a manner required by the question. 				
	As a consequence, few of the concepts of the Potential Content are established as there will be errors, omissions and/or confusion which undermine the essential features of the Potential Content.				
Limited	The material is of limited accuracy and relevance to the Potential				
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	As a consequence, the concepts of the Potential Content will barely be established, as there will be many errors, omissions and/or confusion which almost completely undermine the essential elements of the Potential Content.				

Section A Introduction to Criminal Liability

0 1 Explain how there can be criminal liability for an omission.

(7 marks)

(A) Explanation of omissions, amounting to an *actus reus*, based on a duty. For example, contractual duty, public position requiring a person to act, Act of Parliament requiring action, creating dangerous situation, assumption of responsibility, special relationship

Note - any three areas explained can achieve full credit

Possible reference to statutory offences of omission, eg failure to display, stop, etc

Cases and/or examples, eg Stone and Dobinson; Miller; Dytham, etc

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0 2 What is strict liability? Outline the reasons for having offences of strict liability. (7 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Brief explanation of the meaning of offences of strict liability, ie offences requiring no mens rea with respect to some/all of the actus reus. Possible reference to both statutory and common law offences

Outline of the reasons for offences of strict liability, ie regulatory offences designed to protect public interest; easier to prove; saving court time; etc

Cases and/or examples in support, eg Alphacell v Woodward; Smedleys v Breed; Harrow LBC v Shah; Blake

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0 3 Discuss Alan's criminal liability for his statement to Bhu, "We sort out thieves like you." (7 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Discussion and application with respect to the offence of assault. This can include discussion of *actus reus* and *mens rea* of assault, application of the law to show the fear caused by the shouting and *mens rea* of intention or recklessness as to causing some fear

Statutory reference to S.39 Criminal Justice Act 1988 Cases and/or examples in support, eg Logdon; Smith v CC Woking Police

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0 4 Discuss the criminal liability of Carol for the eye injury suffered by Bhu.

(7marks)

Potential Content

(A) Discussion and application of an appropriate offence based on the application of force and the (minor) injury caused - discussion of battery and/or discussion of S.47 abh. This can include discussion of *actus reus* and *mens rea* of the chosen offence, and application of the law to show the most appropriate offence is abh.

Note – max 5 for a full discussion of battery only Note - If gbh is chosen, max **clear** for a good discussion.

Cases and/or examples in support, eg Chan Fook, Savage and Parmenter

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Outline the rules on causation, and briefly discuss whether Carol caused Bhu's fractured skull. (7 marks +2 marks for AO3)

Potential Content

(A) Outline of the meaning of causation. This can include

Factual: "but for" test;

Legal: significant and operative cause, *novus actus interveniens*:

Cases/examples to illustrate, eg medical negligence, contribution of others, pre-existing medical condition (Smith, Benge, Hayward), etc; possible action by victim

Application to the scenario of both 'but for' test and 'operating and significant cause' test Conclusion (potentially either way if well argued)

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Outline the procedure that would be followed **before** Alan's trial if he were charged with a **summary** offence. (5 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Outline and application of procedure up to trial, eg initial hearing to include bail application, public funding application; plea; pre-trial review if not guilty plea Later hearing for trial to be at Magistrates Court as summary offence

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Outline the **aims** of sentencing available to the court, and briefly discuss how these aims might apply if Carol were convicted. (5 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Outline of the aims of sentencing: punishment, reduction of crime, reform and rehabilitation of offenders, protection of the public, reparation by offenders, general and individual deterrence, possible reference to s142 of CJA 2003 Application of the aims to Carol's case (dependant on plea, antecedents, etc) Max 3 if no application

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Section B Introduction to Tort

Total for this question: 45 marks

0 8 Explain the meaning of the term 'duty of care'.

(7 marks + 2 marks for AO3)

Potential Content

(A) Explanation with cases and/or examples of the meaning of the term duty of care, eg neighbour test and/or Caparo 3-part test

Cases could include; Caparo v Dickman, Donoghue v Stevenson, Bourhill v young, Kent v Griffiths, Hill v CC of W Yorks, Mitchell v Glasgow City Council

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Breach of duty requires the claimant to prove that the defendant has fallen below the standard of the reasonable man. That standard is assessed by taking into account one or more of the risk factors. Outline the meaning of the term 'reasonable man' **and** explain **one** of the risk factors. (7 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Outline of the reasonable man

Explanation with cases and/or examples of the meaning of one of the factors that can affect the standard of care and the effect that has on the standard of care; this can include special characteristics of the claimant – if known to the defendant to be more vulnerable then higher standard expected; special characteristics of the defendant – the position of professionals and learners; the size of the risk – the reasonable man does not take care against minute risks, but does against big risks; practical precautions – taking reasonable but not excessive precautions; the benefits of taking the risk – emergencies and public utility

Cases and examples, eg Blyth v Birmingham Waterworks, Nettleship v Weston, Roe v Ministry of Health, Paris v Stepney BC, Bolton v Stone, Haley v LEB, Latimer v AEC, Watt v Herts CC, etc

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1 0 Damage involves the rules of causation, including remoteness of damage. Explain the meaning of the term 'remoteness of damage'. (7 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Explanation with cases and/or examples of the meaning of remoteness of damage. This can include reasonable forseeability test; kind of damage being reasonably forseeable; thin skull rule

Cases could include The Wagon Mound, Doughty v Turner Manufacturing, Smith v Leech Brain, etc

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1 1 Assuming that Samantha owed a duty of care to Tom, discuss whether she was in **breach** of that duty. (7 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Application with appropriate conclusion of breach of duty, ie reasonable man test and risk factors, relevance of Sam's level of expertise and Tom using a laptop computer in a café

Cases could include Blyth v B'ham Waterworks, Paris v Stepney BC, Bolton v Stone, etc

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1 2 Assuming that Samantha was in breach of her duty of care to Tom, discuss whether the loss of Tom's files was **too remote**. (5 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Application of remoteness of damage

This can include reasonable foreseeability test based on the kind of damage suffered. Understanding that type and extent of damage are not the same thing Reasoned conclusion, potentially either way

Cases could include The Wagon Mound, Doughty v Turner Manufacturing, etc Reference to causation can be credited if properly applied

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Outline the three-track system used in the civil courts and briefly explain which track is most likely to be used in any claim that Tom makes against Samantha. (5 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Outline of tracks and brief explanation of application to Tom's claim (small claims track or possible fast track given the irretrievably lost data/extent of the burns). Reference to financial limits

Max 3 if no application

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1 4 Assuming Samantha was found liable in negligence, explain how the court would calculate an award of damages to Tom. (7 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Explanation and application of damages, eg general and special damages applied to: Personal injury (burns), loss of earnings / possible loss of amenity; Damage to property, possible loss of earnings, permanent loss of files, repair expenses incurred):

Mitigation, structure of awards

Possible cases/examples, eg Jefford v Gee, Gambione v JMC, etc *(Chadwick v BR, Doyle v Wallace, Donnelly v Joyce)*

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Section C Introduction to Contract

Total for this question: 45 marks

1 5 Explain the difference between an offer and an invitation to treat.

(7 marks + 2 marks for AO3)

Potential Content

(A) Explanation of the difference between an offer and an invitation to treat, eg meaning of offer, meaning of invitation to treat, offer can be accepted to form a contract, invitation cannot, invitation is a preliminary to negotiations, offer is part of negotiations.

Cases, eg Fisher v Bell, Pharmaceutical Soc of GB v Boots Cash Chemists, Partridge v Crittenden, etc

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1 6 Briefly explain the law on acceptance by conduct **and** acceptance using the post. (7 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Explanation of acceptance by conduct, eg the doing of an act
Cases and/or examples to illustrate, eg reward cases, Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Co
Explanation of acceptance by post, eg postal rule applying to letters of acceptance only,
contract complete on posting, requirements and provisos

Cases and/or examples, eg Household Fire Insurance Co v Grant, Carlill v Carbolic Smokeball Co, Adams v Lindsell, etc

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17 Explain the meaning of 'consideration' and of 'past consideration'.

(7 marks)

Potential Content

 (A) Explanation of consideration, eg consideration is something of value; must move from promisee, can be executed or executory
 Explanation of past consideration, eg past consideration is not valid consideration, already done at time of making contract, does not provide some new act or forbearance

Cases and/or examples, eg Chapple v Nestle, Re McArdle, etc

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Outline the meaning of 'intention to create legal relations'. Briefly discuss whether there was an intention to create legal relations between Rob and Terry **and** between Rob and Uma. (7 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Explanation of intention to create legal relations, eg basic requirement of a valid contract, rebuttable presumptions in relation to commercial situations and social/domestic situations.

Cases and/or examples, eg Rose & Frank v Crompton Bros, Balfour v Balfour etc

Application to scenario: - Rob and Terry (commercial context, clearly likely to a contract)

- Rob and Uma (family member but commercial nature, could be argued either way)

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Outline the difference between actual breach and anticipatory breach of contract. Briefly discuss the type of breach that may have occurred between Rob and Terry. (7 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Explanation of actual breach and anticipatory breach showing distinction between breach and anticipatory breach, eg both are forms of breach but anticipatory breach takes place before the date due for performance of the contract, claimant can start action as soon as anticipatory breach occurs – does not have to wait to see if performance takes place

Cases and/or examples, eg Poussard v Spiers, White and Carter Councils v McGregor, etc

Application to the scenario - Terry's breach was anticipatory breach on 28th November

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20 Identify which track Rob's claim against Terry would be allocated to and which court would hear the case. Briefly discuss why it might be better to settle the dispute by negotiation rather than going to court. (5 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Identification of relevant court (County Court) and track (small claims)
 Negotiation best way of settling the dispute as cheaper, possibly quicker, retains relationship, etc
 Max 3 if no consideration of negotiation

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2 1 Assuming Terry was found liable, outline how the court would calculate an award of damages in contract. Briefly explain how much Rob might be awarded as damages.

(5 marks)

Potential Content

(A) Outline of way in which court awards damages, eg the two stage test in Hadley v Baxendale, mitigation

Application to Terry's claim – £2500 being the cost of getting Uma to paint the van, Terry could only claim for £1500 against Rob

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ASSESSMENT GRID

(to show the allocation of marks to Assessment Objectives)

Advanced Subsidiary Level Law (LAW02)

	AO 1	AO 2	AO 3
Section A:			
Question 0 1	4	3	
Question 0 2	4	3	
Question 0 3	3	4	
Question 0 4	3	4	
Question 0 5	3	4	2
Question 0 6	2	3	
Question 0 7	3	2	
Totals Section A	22	23	2
Section B:			
Question 0 8	4	3	2
Question 0 9	4	3	
Question 1 0	4	3	
Question 1 1	3	4	
Question 1 2	2	3	
Question 1 3	3	2	
Question 1 4	3	4	
Totals Section B	23	22	2
Section C:			
Question 1 5	4	3	2
Question 1 6	4	3	
Question 1 7	3	4	
Question 1 8	3	4	
Question 1 9	3	4	
Question 2 0	3	2	
Question 2 1	3	2	
Totals Section C	23	22	2