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Advanced GCE

Unit G155: Law of Contract

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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
R	Repetition
1	Irrelevant (use for more than a couple of lines of text otherwise use the following)
S/O	Sort of
V	Knowledge (AO1)
Def	Definition (AO1)
C1 etc	To indicate cases (AO1)
(C1) etc	To indicate partially accurate/relevant cases (AO1)
n/o	To indicate use of a case but in name only
AO2	To indicate a bold comment
AO2+	To indicate developed comment/discussion
AO2++	Could use AO2++ though rarely

SECTION A

Question	Answer	Marks		Guidano	e
1*	Potential answers may: Assessment Objective 1 – Knowledge and understanding Explain the principles of offer and acceptance, sometimes called the mirror image approach to contract formation; that an offer must be unconditionally accepted in order to form a contract Hyde v Wrench, Gibson v Manchester City Council Explain that an attempt to incorporate extra terms in an 'acceptance' will not amount to an acceptance and binding contract but a counter offer, Butler Machine Tool v Excel O Corp Explain the consensus ad idem approach to contract formation, that a contract may be formed through execution however it is not possible to ascertain exactly what the terms are by the pre-contractual correspondence, and that the court may determine the final obligations of the parties, Trentham v Archital Luxfer. Credit explanation of Lord Denning's earlier attempt to use this line of reasoning in Gibson v Manchester Explain the principles of acceptance by performance, that the performance must show specific agreement with the proposed terms and not just general agreement with the contract, Brogden v Metropolitan Railway Explain that where a contract has already been concluded any subsequent attempt to change the terms by one party sending further correspondence will be fruitless, Lidl v Hertford Foods, GHSP v AB Electronics Explain the postal rule and exceptions to that rule Adams v Lindell, Getreid v Contimar, Holwell v Hughes Explain the rules on acceptance by instant means Entores v Miles Far East, Brinkibon v Stahag Stahl.	25	Responses w following level 5 – bei cases accura argument and sections of the Level 4 – bei cases to supply names and sections of the Level 3 – bei cases to supply identification reference to statute Level 2 – bei case although accurately cit sections of the Level 1 – sor	AO1 marks 21-25 16-20 11-15 6-10 1-5 vill be unlikely to els without: ng able to cite a tely and clearly dimake reference relevant statung able to cite a cort their argumand some factual despecific sections and some relevant statung able to cite a cort their argumand some relevant statung able to cite a cort their argumand some relevant statung able to cite a cort their argumand some relevant statung able to cite and make relevant statung accurate statung accurate statute accurate statute and reference reference statute and reference reference statute and reference reference statute accurate statute accur	achieve the at least 8 relevant to support their te to specific te at least 5 relevant ent with accurate scription and make s of the relevant ent with clear ant facts and make s of the relevant et least 1 relevant cribed rather than eference to specific

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	 Assessment Objective 2 – Analysis, evaluation and application Candidates should discuss the merits of the different approaches that can be used in the battle of the forms situation. Mirror image: Discuss whether this approach is realistic to deal with the complexities of business negotiations – that it can be simplistic Conversely discuss whether this approach is the most satisfactory as it gives certainty for the parties and reduces the court's discretion. Acceptance by performance: Discuss the limited circumstances in which this approach will be applicable Discuss the merits that it is a variation on the mirror image approach and so retains certainty for the parties. Consensus ad idem: Discuss the merits of this approach that it deals with situations where there is a contract but it isn't possible to identify agreement through correspondence. Also that the courts are free to come to the outcome that seems most just between the parties and avoids an arbitrary identification of agreement where none may have been truly intended Discuss the limitations that this approach imposes an outcome on the parties rather than leaving them to negotiate their own deal. The postal rule and instant communications: Discuss the extent to which it is now clear where and when a communication of acceptance will apply Discuss the extent to which the sound business practise test in Brinkibon will lead to certainty between the parties. Reach any sensible conclusion. 	20	AO2 Level AO2 marks 5 17-20 4 13-16 3 9-12 2 5-8 1 1-4	
	Assessment Objective 3 – Communication and presentation Present logical and coherent arguments and communicate relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.	5	AO1 + AO2 marks AO3 mark 37-45 5 28-36 4 19-27 3 10-18 2 1-9 1	

Question	Answer	Marks		Guida	nce
2*	 Assessment Objective 1 – Knowledge and understanding Explain the consequences of economic duress on a contract, that it becomes voidable Explain that in order to claim economic duress there must be an unlawful threat, that this can be to breach a contract Atlas Express v Kafco, or to commit a tort Universal Tankships v ITWF, however ordinary commercial pressure will not amount to an unlawful threat or to duress The Siboen and Sibotre, CTN Cash and Carry v Gallagher, William v Roffey Explain that the threat must have vitiated the consent of the other side and left the other party with no realistic alternative Atlas Express, Pao On v Lau Yiu Long Explain that the party seeking to claim duress must have protested at the time and must not hesitate in taking legal action to avoid the contract Pao On, The Atlantic Baron, DSND Subsea. 	25	levels without Level 5 – bei accurately an make referent statute Level 4 – bei to support the some factual specific sectio Level 3 – bei to support the and some rel specific sectio Level 2 – bei although it mo cited and ma relevant statu Level 1 – sor	21-25 16-20 11-15 6-10 1-5 vill be unlikely to the content of the relevant facts and cons of the reference to the content of the	at least 3 relevant cases ith clear identification dimake reference to

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	Assessment Objective 2 – Analysis, evaluation and application Candidates can answer this question by discussing different areas of the law on economic duress: The nature of the threat: Discuss the kinds of threat that can amount to duress and whether the doctrine should be extended to include lawful but unfair threats such as a threat to decline further contracts when there are no viable competitors. The effect of the threat: Discuss the viability of taking alternative courses of action where this may be a costly and time consuming process. Discuss the requirement that a party complains immediately or risks being barred by 'lapse of time', that the unfair pressure may preclude taking immediate action for fear of further threats to breach the contract or actual non-performance. Discuss the factor of taking legal advice – whether it is fair to say that a party who enters a further contract at arm's length, after taking legal advice, may be less able to subsequently claim duress. Discuss the effects of broadening the doctrine: Discuss whether a general requirement to act fairly would add too much vagueness to English law. Discuss whether the law at present is too slanted towards protecting smaller parties at the expense of larger companies who seek to maximise the benefit of market dominance. Reach any sensible conclusion.	20	5 4 3 2 1	17-20 13-16 9-12 5-8 1-4	
	Assessment Objective 3 – Communication and presentation Present logical and coherent arguments and communicate relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.	5	AO1 + AO2 37-45 28-36 19-27 10-18 1-9	5 4 3	

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Question 3*	Potential answers may: Assessment Objective 1 – Knowledge and understanding Explain the ways in which a contract may be frustrated: Impossibility of performance, Nichol and Knight v Ashton Eldridge, but not mere difficulty or extra expense, Radical change of circumstances, Krell v Henry Illegality of performance, Fibrosa v Fairbarn Lawson. Explain the circumstances where the courts will decide that frustration will not apply. Where performance would be possible but more difficult or expensive than originally anticipated, Tsakiroglou v Noblee Thorl Where the change of circumstances is not sufficiently radical, Herne Bay v Hutton, Davis Contractors v Fareham Where the potentially frustrating event was anticipated by the parties, Amalgamated Investment v John Walker Where the impossibility of performance was due to the fault of one of the parties or due to their choice to use other means to perform a contract, The Super Servant 2. Explain the provisions of the Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Act 1943 Section 1(2) where money paid in advance of the frustrating event may be reclaimed minus just expenses. Section 1(3) where a party has to account for any unjust enrichment they would have gained because of the frustrating event.	Marks 25	levels without Level 5 – bei accurately an make referen statute Level 4 – bei to support the some factual specific sectie Level 3 – bei to support the and some rel specific sectie Level 2 – bei although it me cited and ma relevant statu Level 1 – sor	21-25 16-20 11-15 6-10 1-5 rill be unlikely to the content of the relevant facts and palle to cite and palle to cite and the relevant facts and palle to cite and palle to cit	at least 8 relevant cases pport their argument and sections of the relevant at least 5 relevant cases ith accurate names and d make reference to vant statute at least 3 relevant cases ith clear identification d make reference to

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	 Assessment Objective 2 – Analysis, evaluation and application Discuss whether the basis for frustration leaves too much to the discretion of the judge: Discuss whether impossibility is quite easy to ascertain and so leaves little to judge's discretion Discuss whether illegality is also quite easy to ascertain Discuss whether the wider doctrine of radical change in circumstances is less certain and can lead to a judge making an assessment of how much of the total basis of the contract has been changed in order to decide whether it is frustrated. Discuss the limitations on the doctrine of frustration: Discuss whether the doctrine of choice or self-induced frustration leaves much discretion to the judge Discuss whether the issue of foresight of risk gives a judge discretion as to when something was within the contemplation of the parties and so unable to amount to a frustrating event Discuss whether any uncertainty as to the effect of a frustrating event could be best dealt with in advance by the parties by using a force majeure term. Discuss the consequences of frustration: Discuss whether the award of a just amount under Section 1(3) LR(FC) Act gives a large amount of discretion to the judge and has little predictability as a sum. Reach any sensible conclusion. 	20	5 4 3 2 1	17-20 13-16 9-12 5-8 1-4	
	Assessment Objective 3 – Communication and presentation Present logical and coherent arguments and communicate relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.	5	AO1 + AO2 37-45 28-36 19-27 10-18 1-9	5 5 6 4 7 3	

SECTION B

Question	Answer	Marks		Guidaı	nce
4*	Potential answers may: Assessment Objective 1 – Knowledge and understanding Part payment for the waterfall: Explain that part payment of a debt is not good consideration to discharge the whole debt, making reference to the cases D&C Builders v Rees, Pinnel's Case, Foakes v Beer, Re Selectmove. Explain the rule of promissory estoppel, making reference to the case Central London Property Trust v High Trees House. The extra payment for the waterfall: Explain that consideration needs to be sufficient on each side and be seen as having some economic value, making reference to cases such as Thomas v Thomas, Chappel v Nestle. Explain that consideration can include less tangible things such as keeping a child happy, Ward v Byham. Explain that one obligation can be good consideration for two other people's promises, Shadwell v Shadwell, Pao on v Lau Yiu Long, The Eurymedon. The tree: Explain that past consideration is not normally seen as good consideration, Roscorla v Thomas. Explain that past consideration can be good consideration if both parties were expecting a reward to be paid, Stewart v Casey, and if one party acted at the request of the other, Lampleigh v Braithwaite.	25	Candidates welevels without Level 5 – being cases accurate argument and of the relevant Level 4 – being cases to supply names and some ference to statute Level 3 – being cases to supply identification reference to statute Level 2 – being case although accurately citis sections of the Level 1 – sor	ng able to cite tely and clearly and clearly and clearly and clearly and clearly able to cite port their argurome factual despecific section and some relespecific section ng able to cite port their argurand some relespecific section and some relespecific section argurand some relespecific section argurand some relespecific section argurand some relespecific section argurant section argurant states argurant states and make relevant states and reference argurant states argurant section argurant states argur	at least 8 relevant y to support their nce to specific sections at least 5 relevant ment with accurate escription and make as of the relevant at least 3 relevant ment with clear evant facts and make as of the relevant at least 1 relevant at least 1 relevant scribed rather than reference to specific cute attements of fact but ence to relevant cases

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	Assessment Objective 2 – Analysis, evaluation and application Part payment for the waterfall Identify that this is a part payment situation and that part payment does not normally amount to good consideration. Discuss whether anything else was given in lieu of consideration – in this case not. Discuss whether the doctrine of promissory estoppel may apply here; although there appears to be a promise not to enforce a contractual right which has been relied on when the smaller sum was paid, the promise does not appear to have been voluntary or obtained honestly and so estoppel should not be a bar to John claiming the balance. Conclude that John will be able to bring a successful claim for the balance. The extra payment for the waterfall Identify that this question involves economic value as consideration ldentify that John will need to show that making Ann happy with his work is satisfactory consideration. Discuss whether making Ann happy has any economic benefit and involves any actual performance from John. Discuss whether this case can be distinguished from Ward v Byham because in that case the mother was required to go beyond the requirements normally imposed by law. Discuss whether the act of installing the waterfall competently can be good consideration for the promises of both Ann and Rupert. Conclude that John probably doesn't give any consideration for Rupert's promise because making Ann happy has no economic value. Credit any discussion of whether making Ann happy is performance of a contract duty already owed to Ann and as such could be seen as good consideration under the doctrine in Shadwell v Shadwell.	20	5 4 3 2 1	AO2 marks 17-20 13-16 9-12 5-8 1-4	

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	 The tree Identify that this question involves past consideration Identify that John's consideration is past by the time the promise of payment is made. Discuss whether it may nevertheless be seen as good consideration; reward for cutting the tree down was probably in both parties' minds and he could be seen as responding to a request from Ann. Conclude that John is probably able to enforce payment for cutting down the tree. Reach any sensible conclusions. 				
	Assessment Objective 3 – Communication and presentation Present logical and coherent arguments and communicate relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.	5	37-45 28-36 19-27 10-18 1-9	5 4 3 2 1	

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5*	Potential answers may:		AO1 Lovol	AO1 marks	
	Assessment Objective 1 – Knowledge and understanding	25	5	21-25	
	The control of the co		4	16-20	
	Explain the rules on incorporation of contract terms by:		3	11-15	
	Notice, that the terms must be available before the contract is		2	6-10	
	concluded, citing cases such as <i>Thornton v Shoe Lane Parking, Olley v Marlborough Court Hotel</i>		1	1-5	
	 Receipts, that a term included in a receipt cannot incorporate terms into a contract if the contract has already been completed, citing cases such as Chapleton v Barry UDC Tickets, that the ticket must have been available before the contract was completed, or else that the parties were reasonably expecting there to be contractual terms on the receipt, citing case such as Parker v SE Railway, Thompson v London Midland and Scottish Railway By signature, that signed terms are incorporated into a contract even if not read, and that the court is reluctant to apply the doctrine of non est factum in the absence of clear evidence of unusual circumstances and a document of a completely different nature, citing cases such as L'Estrange v Graucob and Saunders v Anglia Building Society That there are times when harsh or unusual terms may not be included into a contract without reasonable prominence being given, citing cases such as Interfoto v Stiletto Visual Productions, Thornton v Shoe Lane Parking 		candidates shincorporation regarding exception regarding exception in the terms are likely reasonablent provisions. Candidates we following level 5 – being cases accurate argument and sections of the Level 4 – being cases to supply names and sereference to statute Level 3 – being cases to supply identification	nould only discu- of terms and nould only discu- of terms and nould only discu- clusion clauses given for discus- ely to be made of the sess under differ will be unlikely to els without: and able to cite of the cort their argument of their argument and some relevant some factual despecific sections.	at least 6 relevant to support their ce to specific ute at least 5 relevant nent with accurate scription and make s of the relevant at least 3 relevant

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	Assessment Objective 2 – Analysis, evaluation and application	20	Level 2 – being able to cite at least 1 relevant case although it may be described rather than accurately cited and make reference to specific sections of the relevant statute Level 1 – some accurate statements of fact but there may not be any reference to relevant cases or cases may be confused AO2 Level AO2 marks
	 The term with Red Nile: Identify that this is an internet contract and so Zara is likely to have made an offer to buy goods. Discuss whether clicking on a button on the website is likely to have incorporated a term into the offer she made to the company. Discuss whether the terms were made adequately available to her at the time of contracting; it appears they were although she didn't read them. Conclude that the term is incorporated into the contract. Credit any discussion about whether the term could be seen as harsh or unusual and so should be made prominent, and if so whether it was made prominent in this case. The term with the Royal Theatre: Identify that this is a ticket case. Discuss whether the ticket is one where a customer would generally 		5 17-20 4 13-16 3 9-12 2 5-8 1 1-4
	 expect there to be a reference to terms on the back. Discuss whether the term was made sufficiently available to her if she was unlikely to have seen the ticket until just before the performance, despite the contract having been made some time before. Conclude that the term is probably not incorporated into her contract with the theatre. 		

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	 The term with Gusts: Identify that this situation deals with signed contracts. Discuss whether the general rule applies, that signature indicates agreement with all the terms in the written document. Discuss whether this is a harsh or unusual term and so should have been made prominent in the document. Discuss whether the rule of non est factum applies here, there was a misrepresentation but the term is probably not significantly different to what she thought she was signing, and there are no exceptional circumstances to justify her not reading the document. Conclude that the term is likely to be incorporated unless seen as sufficiently harsh as to justify being made more prominent. Reach any sensible conclusions. 			
	Assessment Objective 3 – Communication and presentation Present logical and coherent arguments and communicate relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.	5	AO1 + AO2 marks AO3 mark 37-45 5 28-36 4 19-27 3 10-18 2 1-9 1	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance		
Question 6*	Answer Potential answers may: Assessment Objective 1 – Knowledge and understanding Explain the rules of privity; that a contract can only be enforced by and against the parties to the contract, Tweddle v Atkinson, Dunlop v Selfridge. Candidates may explain that the rule comes from the need for the parties to have given consideration to the agreement in order to enforce it.	Marks 25	Guidance AO1 Level AO1 marks 5 21-25 4 16-20 3 11-15 2 6-10 1 1-5 Candidates will be unlikely to achieve the following levels without:		
	 Explain statutory exceptions: Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999; allowing a party who was intended to benefit from a contract, which they were not a party to, to enforce the contract in their own right. Nissih shipping Explain the exceptions developed by the courts: Collateral contracts; where a new contract was imposed by the court between a person making a representation and the person who acted on that representation, Shanklin Pier v Detel Products. Credit can also be given for any other discussion of ways that the rule of agency may be avoided at common law: assignment, agency, suing under the law of negligence and special cases – Jackson v Horizon Holidays, Lindan Gardens v Lenerta, Woodas v Wimpey. 		levels without: Level 5 – being able to cite at least 5 relevant cases accurately and clearly to support their argument and make reference to specific section of the relevant statute Level 4 – being able to cite at least 4 relevant cases to support their argument with accurate names and some factual description and make reference to specific sections of the relevant statute Level 3 – being able to cite at least 3 relevant cases to support their argument with clear identification and some relevant facts and make reference to specific sections of the relevant statute Level 2 – being able to cite at least 1 relevant cast although it may be described rather than accurately cited and make reference to specific sections of the relevant statute Level 1 – some accurate statements of fact but there may not be any reference to relevant cases or cases may be confused		

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	 Assessment Objective 2 – Analysis, evaluation and application Hans' claim for the 5%: Identify that there is an issue of privity of contract because Hans is not party to the contract between George and Fruito Discuss whether the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies in this situation; this is likely to be the case because Hans appears to be mentioned in the contract and it purports to give him a benefit Conclude that Hans will not be prevented by privity from bringing a successful case against George. Rypee's claim for the loss of fruit: Identify that there is an issue of privity of contract here because Rypee do not have a contract with George and have not given him any consideration Discuss whether the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act applies in this situation; this is unlikely to be the case because it does not appear that Rypee are named or described in the contract so it could not be said to purport to give them a benefit Discuss whether any common law exceptions or methods of avoiding privity could be used by Rypee to bring a claim against George – collateral contracts are the most likely if George has made any promises directly to Rypee. This is unlikely to form a collateral contract however because Rypee do not appear to have given any consideration to George Conclude that Rypee will be prevented by privity from bringing a successful case against George. 	20	AO2 Level AO2 m 5 17-3 4 13-3 3 9-1 2 5-8 1 1-4	20 16 2 8	
	Assessment Objective 3 – Communication and presentation Present logical and coherent arguments and communicate relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.	5	AO1 + AO2 marks 37-45 28-36 19-27 10-18 1-9	5 4 3 2 1	

SECTION C

Question	Answer	Marks	Gui	dance
7	Potential answers may:		AO2 Level	AO2 Marks
	Assessment Objective 2 – Analysis, evaluation and application		5	5
(a)	P1 Reason that as Larry and Davina are related, there is a presumption against them	5	4	4
	forming legal relationships		3	3
	P2 Reason that the presumption can be rebutted if they are not acting in a domestic manner		2	2
	P3 Reason that Larry's contract to build a garage will be seen as more of a commercial than		1	1
	domestic agreement P4 Reason that there will be a binding contract between Larry and Davina P5 Conclude that the statement is inaccurate			
(b)	P1 Reason as Larry and Jules are friends they will be presumed not to have an intention to create legal relations	5		
	 P2 Reason that the presumption can be rebutted if they are acting in a commercial manner P3 Reason that an exchange of garden produce for a service like this is not likely to be seen as commercial in character 			
	P4 Reason that the presumption will not be rebutted between Larry and Jules P5 Conclude that the statement is accurate			
(c)	 P1 Reason that in commercial agreements there is an intention to be legally bound P2 Reason that the agreement between Larry and Shane is commercial P3 Reason that the commercial presumption can be rebutted by clear words to show no legal intent 	5		
	P4 Reason that in calling the discount a gentleman's agreement Shane has probably acted to rebut the commercial presumption			
	P5 Conclude that the statement is accurate			
(d)	P1 Reason that consideration can consist of Larry promising to do something or to give up a specific right	5		
	 P2 Reason that Larry has the general right to buy his materials wherever he wants P3 Reason that therefore a promise to only buy them from Shane does have economic value 			
	P4 Reason that Larry does give consideration for Shane's promise P5 Conclude that the statement is inaccurate			

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8	Potential answers may: Assessment Objective 2 – Analysis, evaluation and application		AO2 Level	AO2 Marks
	Assessment Objective 2 – Analysis, evaluation and application		5	5
(a)	P1 Reason that for the contract to be void the facts must be essentially and radically	5	4	4
	different to what Alice thought they were P2 Reason that where a contract is made face to face the seller intends to deal with the		3	3
person in fr P3 Reason tha P4 Reason tha			2	2
	person in front of them, whatever identity they claim for themselves P3 Reason that in this case Alice intended to deal with the person in front of her, Michael P4 Reason that Alice will not be able to avoid the contract for unilateral mistake		1	1
(b)	P5 Conclude that the statement is inaccurateP1 Reason that if the contract between Alice and Michael was not void, good title to the	5		
	watch passed to Michael P2 Reason that Alice could have avoided the contract before the sale to Sparkles if she had realised about the fraud in time			
	 Reason that this is unlikely to be the case as the sale to Sparkles was immediately after the sale to Michael and Alice would not have realised the cheque was worthless at this time Reason that Michael was therefore able to pass good title to Sparkles 			
(0)	P5 Conclude that the statement is accurateP1 Reason that a contract can be void for mutual mistake if Alice and Elsa have not come to	5		
(c)	a true agreement on the terms of the contract P2 Reason that a difference in value will not in itself lead to a contract being void P3 Reason that there was nothing to indicate to Elsa that it was a term of the contract that it was a diamond ring	5		
	P4 Reason that caveat emptor applies and Elsa will not be able to avoid the contract P5 Conclude that the statement is inaccurate			
(d)	 P1 Reason that this is a unilateral mistake that is known to Alice. P2 Reason that where one party knows of the other's mistake it may render the contract void depending on whether or not the mistake relates to a term in the contract. P3a Reason that there was a term in the contract that this was a diamond ring. 	5		
	P3b Reason that if there was no term in the contract that the ring was a diamond ring. P4a Reason that the contract is void. P4b Reason that the contract is not void.			
	P5a Conclude that the statement is true. P5b Conclude that the statement is false.			

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There are **five** levels of assessment of AOs 1 and 2 in the A2 units. The first four levels are very similar to the four levels for AS units. The addition of a fifth level reflects the expectation of higher achievement by candidates at the end of a two-year course of study. There are **four** levels of assessment of AO3 in the A2 units. The requirements and number of levels differ between AS and A2 units to reflect the expectation of higher achievement by candidates at the end of a two-year course of study.

Level	Assessment Objective 1	Assessment Objective 2	Assessment Objective 3 (includes QWC)
5	Wide ranging, accurate, detailed knowledge with a clear and confident understanding of relevant concepts and principles. Where appropriate candidates will be able to elaborate with wide citation of relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to identify correctly the relevant and important points of criticism showing good understanding of current debate and proposals for reform or identify all of the relevant points of law in issue. A high level of ability to develop arguments or apply points of law accurately and pertinently to a given factual situation, and reach a cogent, logical and well-informed conclusion.	
4	Good, well-developed knowledge with a clear understanding of the relevant concepts and principles. Where appropriate candidates will be able to elaborate by good citation to relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to identify and analyse issues central to the question showing some understanding of current debate and proposals for reform or identify most of the relevant points of law in issue. Ability to develop clear arguments or apply points of law clearly to a given factual situation, and reach a sensible and informed conclusion.	An accomplished presentation of logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a very clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.
3	Adequate knowledge showing reasonable understanding of the relevant concepts and principles. Where appropriate candidates will be able to elaborate with some citation of relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to analyse most of the more obvious points central to the question or identify the main points of law in issue. Ability to develop arguments or apply points of law mechanically to a given factual situation, and reach a conclusion.	A good ability to present logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.
2	Limited knowledge showing general understanding of the relevant concepts and principles. There will be some elaboration of the principles, and where appropriate with limited reference to relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to explain some of the more obvious points central to the question or identify some of the points of law in issue. A limited ability to produce arguments based on their material or limited ability to apply points of law to a given factual situation but without a clear focus or conclusion.	An adequate ability to present logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a reasonably clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.
1	Very limited knowledge of the basic concepts and principles. There will be limited points of detail, but accurate citation of relevant statutes and case-law will not be expected.	Ability to explain at least one of the simpler points central to the question or identify at least one of the points of law in issue. The approach may be uncritical and/or unselective.	A limited attempt to present logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a limited manner using some appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.

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