

**ADVANCED GCE**

**LAW**

Unit G155: Law of Contract

**Specimen Paper**

## UNIT G155

Time: 2 hours

Additional materials:  
Answer booklet (16 pages)



### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Complete the front page of the answer booklet as directed.
- Answer **three** questions, **one** from Section A, **one** from Section B and **one** from Section C.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your answer booklet.
- When answering the following questions you are required to demonstrate some synoptic thinking. In Section A this is achieved by relevant reference to precedent and/or statutory materials including the development of law and comments on justice or morality where appropriate. In Section B this is achieved by relevant use of precedent and/or statutory materials in the application of legal reasoning to given factual situations, including comment on the justice or morality of the outcome where appropriate. You are not required to demonstrate synoptic thinking in Section C.

### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The maximum mark for this paper is **120**.
- You are reminded of the need to write legibly and in continuous prose where appropriate. In Section A and Section B you will be assessed on your written communication and your use of appropriate legal terminology.
- The number of marks for each question is given in [ ] at the end of each question.

### ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

This document consists of 4 printed pages.

Answer **three** questions.

**One** from Section A, **one** from Section B and **one** from Section C.

You are advised to spend 50 minutes on Section A, 50 minutes on Section B and 20 minutes on Section C.

### SECTION A

*When answering the following questions you are required to demonstrate some synoptic thinking. In Section A this is achieved by relevant reference to precedent and/or statutory materials including the development of law and comments on justice or morality where appropriate.*

Answer only **one** question from this section.

- 1 'The general rule is that performance, to be effective, must be exact and complete.'

Discuss whether the strict application of this rule leads to injustice. **[50]**

- 2 Discuss whether the increased use of the innominate term means that it is no longer important to differentiate between conditions and warranties. **[50]**

- 3 'An intention to be legally bound is a requirement in forming a contract; the presumption for or against this intention can give much needed protection.'

Analyse the reasons for requiring an intention to be legally bound in the light of the above statement. **[50]**

**Section A Total [50]**

## SECTION B

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Apply the principles of offer and acceptance to each of these situations.

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- 5 Alison visits Bestever Theme Park and, wishing to spend some time on rides, leaves her coat at a cloakroom where she pays a fee and is handed a receipt.

While Alison is queuing for a ride, a park attendant, Callum, driving a small vehicle collides with her, causing injury to her shoulder and leg. Callum apologises on behalf of the Park, but points to a sign at the entrance which states, 'Bestever Theme Park takes no responsibility for injury to visitors however caused'.

Alison decides to leave the Park, but when she returns to collect her coat she finds that it has been given to the wrong person. The assistant, Dana, points out a statement on her receipt which reads, 'All items are left at owner's risk. Bestever Theme Park takes no responsibility for loss or theft of items, however this may arise'.

Advise Alison whether she should make a claim against Bestever Theme Park concerning her injury and the loss of her coat.

[50]

- 6 Nazir advertises her car for sale in the local newspaper. A woman calling herself Pauline Smith arrives to see the car. She says that she likes the car, but as she knows little about cars, would like to take the car to a mechanic friend for inspection.

Pauline persuades Nazir to let her take both the car and the registration document. Although Nazir has doubts, Pauline produces a local authority identity pass, which has a photograph. Nazir telephones the council offices to check the identity card. She is told that there is a Pauline Smith on the staff of the council and takes a cheque as security.

One week later Pauline has not returned the car and so Nazir banks the cheque. Three days later Nazir is notified by her bank that the cheque is a worthless forgery. In the meantime Pauline has sold the car to John.

Discuss whether Nazir can recover the car and what action she might take against Pauline if she can be found.

[50]

Section B Total [50]

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**SECTION C**

Answer only **one** question from this section.

- 7 Spencer has purchased a car from Belinda after being told that it had done 20 000 miles. Belinda relied on the recorded mileage on the car. Shortly after buying the car Spencer sets out on a journey to his friend's house 80 miles away. As he starts out on the journey the car breaks down and he has to call a mechanic to fix it. The mechanic informs Spencer that there are a lot of faults with the car and it has probably done 120 000 miles. Spencer is annoyed at this and, after completing the trip to see his friend, drives the car to Belinda to complain about it.

Evaluate the accuracy of **each** of the four statements A, B, C and D individually, as they apply to the facts in the above scenario.

**Statement A:** If Spencer is able to prove misrepresentation he will have a remedy in rescission.

**Statement B:** Spencer will have a remedy under S.2(1) Misrepresentation Act 1967.

**Statement C:** Belinda has made a misrepresentation in not informing Spencer about the other faults with the car.

**Statement D:** Belinda has made a fraudulent misrepresentation to Spencer. **[20]**

- 8 Sue owns a hotel and is having 20 rooms redecorated before the summer season. The work is to be completed by Hamish at a cost of £400 per room. Hamish completes 12 of the rooms and then informs Sue that he is unable to purchase materials he needs in order to complete the other 8 rooms. Sue does not have time to look for another decorator and is worried that she will have unfinished rooms for the summer season. She offers Hamish an extra payment of £600 to help pay for the materials. Hamish accepts and continues with the work. As Hamish is grateful he also promises to paint the entrance hall. Some time later Sue is refusing to pay the extra £600 and Hamish has not painted the entrance hall.

Evaluate the accuracy of **each** of the four statements A, B, C and D individually, as they apply to the facts in the above scenario.

**Statement A:** Hamish has provided good consideration for the extra payment.

**Statement B:** Sue would be estopped from going back on her promise to pay the bonus.

**Statement C:** Sue can avoid paying the extra £600 on the basis of economic duress.

**Statement D:** Sue has not provided any consideration for Hamish's promise to paint the entrance hall. **[20]**

**Section C Total [20]**

**Paper Total [120]**

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**Specimen Mark Scheme**

This mark scheme must be used in conjunction with the Advanced GCE Law Assessment Grid.

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When using the mark scheme the points made are merely those that a well-prepared candidate would be likely to make. The cases cited in the scheme are not prescriptive and credit must be given for any relevant examples given. Similarly, candidates who make unexpected points, perhaps approaching the question from an unusual point of view, must be credited with all that is relevant. Candidates can score in the top bands without citing all the points suggested in the scheme. Answers which contain no relevant material at all, will receive no marks. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.

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5	<p>Alison visits Bestever Theme Park and, wishing to spend some time on rides, leaves her coat at a cloakroom where she pays a fee and is handed a receipt.</p> <p>While Alison is queuing for a ride, a park attendant, Callum, driving a small vehicle collides with her, causing injury to her shoulder and leg. Callum apologises on behalf of the Park, but points to a sign at the entrance which states, 'Bestever Theme Park takes no responsibility for injury to visitors however caused'.</p> <p>Alison decides to leave the Park, but when she returns to collect her coat she finds that it has been given to the wrong person. The assistant, Dana, points out a statement on her receipt which reads, 'All items are left at owner's risk. Bestever Theme Park takes no responsibility for loss or theft of items, however this may arise'.</p> <p>Advise Alison whether she may make a claim against Bestever Theme Park concerning her injury and the loss of her coat.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Mark Levels</th> <th>AO1</th> <th>AO2</th> <th>AO3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Level 5</td> <td>21-25</td> <td>17-20</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>16-20</td> <td>13-16</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>11-15</td> <td>9-12</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>6-10</td> <td>5-8</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>1-5</td> <td>1-4</td> <td>1-2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Potential answers <b>MAY</b>:</p> <p><b>Assessment Objective 1</b></p> <p>Explain the general nature and effect of exemption clauses.</p> <p>Discuss briefly the common law position on incorporation of terms (candidates will not have time to be exhaustive on this) citing cases such as <i>L'Estrange v Graucob</i>, <i>Parker v SE Railway</i>, <i>Olley v Marlborough Court Hotel</i>.</p> <p>Discuss the common law rules of construction of terms including the main purpose rule.</p> <p>Discuss the main (relevant) provisions of the Unfair Contract Terms Act (UCTA) 1977: S12 'deals as a consumer'; S2(1) concerning personal injury or death; S2(2) concerning other negligence liability; S3(1) liability for breach of contract.</p> <p>Discuss the rules on reasonableness of exclusion clauses, citing cases such as <i>Smith v Bush</i>.</p> <p>Discuss the Unfair Contract Terms Regulations 1994 and 1999.</p>			Mark Levels	AO1	AO2	AO3	Level 5	21-25	17-20	-	Level 4	16-20	13-16	5	Level 3	11-15	9-12	4	Level 2	6-10	5-8	3	Level 1	1-5	1-4	1-2	[25]
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6	<p><b>Nazir advertises her car for sale in the local newspaper. A lady calling herself Pauline Smith arrives to see the car. She says that she likes the car, but as she knows little about cars, would like to take the car to a mechanic friend for inspection.</b></p> <p><b>Pauline persuades Nazir to let her take both the car and the registration document. Although Nazir has doubts, Pauline produces a local authority identity pass which has a photograph. Nazir telephones the council offices to check the identity card. She is told that they have a Pauline Smith on the staff of the council and takes a cheque as security.</b></p> <p><b>One week later Pauline has not returned the car and so Nazir banks the cheque. Three days later Nazir is notified by her bank that the cheque is a worthless forgery. In the meantime Pauline has sold the car to John.</b></p> <p><b>Discuss whether Nazir can recover the car and what action she might take against Pauline if she can be found.</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Mark Levels</th> <th>AO1</th> <th>AO2</th> <th>AO3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Level 5</td> <td>21-25</td> <td>17-20</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>16-20</td> <td>13-16</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>11-15</td> <td>9-12</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>6-10</td> <td>5-8</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>1-5</td> <td>1-4</td> <td>1-2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Potential answers <b>MAY</b>:</p>			Mark Levels	AO1	AO2	AO3	Level 5	21-25	17-20	-	Level 4	16-20	13-16	5	Level 3	11-15	9-12	4	Level 2	6-10	5-8	3	Level 1	1-5	1-4	1-2	[5] [50]
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7 cont'd	<p><b>Statement C: Belinda has made a misrepresentation in not informing Spencer about the other faults with the car.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify that in order to sue in misrepresentation Spencer will have to show a false statement of fact, silence does not normally amount to a misrepresentation.</li> <li>Identify that there are exceptions such as not updating when the facts have changed, and contracts such as insurance, but this is not one of those situations.</li> <li>Conclude that the lack of information on the poor state of the car will not be a misrepresentation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Statement D: Belinda has made a fraudulent misrepresentation to Spencer.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify that in order to sue in fraudulent misrepresentation Belinda would have to have made the statement about the mileage of the car dishonestly or recklessly.</li> <li>Identify that it would be for Spencer to show that this was the case.</li> <li>Conclude that in this case it seems that she believed the mileage on the dashboard and so it is unlikely that this can be seen as fraudulent.</li> </ul>	[20]										
8	<p><b>Sue owns a hotel and is having 20 rooms redecorated before the summer season. The work is to be completed by Hamish at a cost of £400 per room. Hamish completes 12 of the rooms and then informs Sue that he is unable to purchase materials he needs in order to complete the other 8 rooms. Sue does not have time to look for another decorator and is worried that she will have unfinished rooms for the summer season. She offers Hamish an extra payment of £600 to help pay for the materials. Hamish accepts and continues with the work. As Hamish is grateful he also promises to paint the entrance hall. Some time later Sue is refusing to pay the extra £600 and Hamish has not painted the entrance hall.</b></p> <p><b>Evaluate the accuracy of <u>each</u> of the four statements A, B, C and D individually, as they apply to the facts in the above scenario.</b></p> <p><b>Mark Levels AO2</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Level 5</td> <td>17-20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 4</td> <td>13-16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 3</td> <td>9-12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 2</td> <td>5-8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Level 1</td> <td>1-4</td> </tr> </table> <p>Potential answers <b>MAY</b>:</p> <p><b>Assessment Objective 2</b></p> <p><b>Statement A: Hamish has provided good consideration for the extra payment.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify that every promise must be matched by consideration in order for it to be enforced. The rule in <i>Stilk v Myrick</i> requiring further consideration in order to enforce a second promise still stands.</li> <li>Identify that where the person who makes a further promise gains some benefit from making that second promise that can be seen as good consideration from the person to whom the promise is made, as in <i>Williams v Roffey</i>.</li> <li>Conclude that in this case Sue improves her chances of getting the work done in time for the summer season when she makes the second promise and so this may well be seen as good consideration on the part of Hamish.</li> </ul>	Level 5	17-20	Level 4	13-16	Level 3	9-12	Level 2	5-8	Level 1	1-4	
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8 cont'd	<p><b>Statement B: Sue would be estopped from going back on her promise to pay the bonus.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify that promissory estoppel requires a promise to be made not to enforce a contract, which is subsequently relied on.</li> <li>Identify that promissory estoppel acts as a defence and not a cause of action – a shield and not a sword. (Candidates should also be rewarded for commenting on the non-binding authorities that contradict this statement of law but this is not required for maximum marks).</li> <li>Conclude that although Sue makes a promise to Hamish and he relies on it, the promise is to give something extra rather than not to enforce a contract and so promissory estoppel is unlikely to apply.</li> </ul> <p><b>Statement C: Sue can avoid paying the extra £600 on the basis of economic duress.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify that economic duress will apply if an illegitimate threat was made by Hamish. When Hamish said he could not complete the work on time that may be seen as an illegitimate threat as it was a threat to breach a contract.</li> <li>Identify that the threat must have left Sue with no alternative but to comply. In this case it is not certain that Sue was left with no alternative, she might have sacked Hamish and taken on another decorator.</li> <li>Draw a reasonable conclusion based on the facts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Statement D: Sue has not provided any consideration for Hamish's promise to paint the entrance hall.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify that a contract consists of mutual promises and that past consideration is not generally seen as good consideration. Hamish promised that he would paint the entrance hall after Sue promised the extra money, and so her consideration is past.</li> <li>Identify that there are exceptions to the rule against past consideration but they are unlikely to apply here as there was never any expectation that Hamish painted the entrance hall at the time that Sue made the promise.</li> <li>Conclude that Sue is unable to bring an action against Hamish for his failure to paint the entrance hall.</li> </ul>	[20]
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## Advanced GCE Law Levels of Assessment

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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 the 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 <b>or</b> identify all of the relevant points of law in issue. A high level of ability to develop arguments <b>or</b> 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 <b>or</b> identify most of the relevant points of law in issue. Ability to develop clear arguments <b>or</b> 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 <b>or</b> identify the main points of law in issue. Ability to develop arguments <b>or</b> 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 <b>or</b> identify some of the points of law in issue. A limited ability to produce arguments based on their material <b>or</b> 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.
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