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Employment Rights and Responsibilities

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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1 (a)	Jason has just left school and started his first job. He has been given a contract by his employer and asked to sign it. The contract names Jason and his employer as well as the date on which Jason starts work.		
	Identify <u>three</u> other pieces of information which <u>must</u> be in the contract to make it valid when Jason signs it.	[3]	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1		
	Candidates will identify any three of the following:		
	Scale of pay, method of calculating pay, pay period		
	Hours of work		
	Holiday, sickness and pension rights		
	Periods of notice on both sides		
	Job title or a brief job description		
	Period of employment if not permanent		
	Place or places of work		
	Details of collective agreements		
	Details of grievance/disciplinary procedures		
	Specific details of overseas work		
	1 mark for each correct item identified (maximum 3 marks)		

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1 (b)	Stefan has worked as a taxi driver for Acecars, a local taxi company, for ten years. Stefan used to be paid weekly and drove an Acecars taxi for forty hours a week. Two years ago another taxi company started to compete with Acecars. Acecars asked Stefan to work under more flexible arrangements, which he has done ever since.		
	In the chart below tick (\checkmark) <u>three</u> boxes next to statements which indicate that Stefan is now an <u>independent contractor</u> rather than an employee.	[3]	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2		
	Candidates will tick boxes (i), (iv) and (vi) as follows:		
	i Stefan no longer has set weekly hours of work ✓		
	ii Stefan drives a taxi owned by the company		
	iii Stefan is not allowed to use the Acecars taxi for personal use		
	iv Stefan is no longer paid weekly but receives a separate payment for each taxi journey he undertakes ✓		
	v Acecars deduct tax and insurance from the money that they pay Stefan		
	vi Stefan now uses his own car when taxiing, and he cannot always take a taxi-fare for Acecars ✓		
	1 mark for each correct item identified (maximum 3 marks)		
		Total [6]	

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2	Look at the pictures and read the text for each of the following three situations (i), (ii) and (iii) and complete activity (a) and activity (b) which follow them.		
	 (i) Here is a picture of a man and woman chefs. "My name is Angela. I am a chef, like Paul. I work the same hours as him and earn £500 a week." The speech bubble for the man says, "My name is Paul. I am a chef, like Angela. I work the same hours as her and I earn £1000 a week." 		
	(ii) Here is a picture of a woman in a business suit. The speech bubble says, "My name is Claire. I just married my same-sex partner. My boss found out and he sacked me because he hates lesbians."		
	(iii) Here is a picture of a man in overalls. The speech bubble says, "My name is Imran. I applied to be a supervisor on a building site. I did not get the job and I was told the builders would not listen to me because I am Asian."		
(a)	Identify which area of discrimination law is involved in each situation.	[3]	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1		
	Candidates will identify as follows:		
	Situation (i) Equal pay		
	Situation (ii) Discrimination on sexual orientation		
	Situation (iii) Racial discrimination		
	1 mark for each correct type identified (maximum 3 marks)		

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
2 (b)	Give reasons why the party in each situation <u>(i)</u> , <u>(ii)</u> and <u>(iii)</u> will be able to show that they have been discriminated against in law.	[9]	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2		
	Candidates will discuss the following:		
	 Situation (i) Angela and Paul are doing 'like work' – work that is the same or broadly similar There is no apparent justification for the difference Therefore Angela is being treated less favourably than Paul purely because she is a woman and should be able to claim equal pay with him 		
	 Situation (ii) Claire has been dismissed purely because of her sexual orientation which is now covered by discrimination law It is obvious that her employer has dismissed against her because of her sexual orientation and this is direct discrimination Therefore Claire is being treated less favourably than an employee with a different sexual orientation and she should be able to claim against the dismissal which is discriminatory and automatically unfair 		
	 Situation (iii) Imran has been refused a job because of his race It is obvious his employer has discriminated against him because of his race and this is direct discrimination Imran is being treated less favourably than an employee who is not Asian and he will be able to claim because this is discriminatory and automatically unfair. 		
	 For each of the three scenarios above give credit as follows: 0 marks for no response or no response worthy of credit L1: 1 mark for identifying 1 basic point or limited reasoning L2: 2 marks for identifying 2 basic points or adequate reasoning L3: 3 marks for a number of points or good reasoning (maximum 9 marks) 		

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2 (c)	Without anti-discrimination laws in situation (i) Angela would be doing the same job as a man for half the pay, in situation (ii) Claire would lose her job just because she is a lesbian, and in situation (iii) Imran would not be able to get the job he wants just because of his race.		Using examples attracts some credit
	Explain <u>three</u> other reasons why it is important to have laws preventing discrimination at work.	[6]	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3		
	Candidates will explain any of the following (credit should be given for both breadth and depth):		
	 to ensure fairness and justice in the workplace to preserve equality under the law to avoid stereotyping and prejudice in the workplace from employers and fellow employees to ensure people are appointed and promoted on merit to avoid bullying and harassment in the workplace to ensure a productive working environment to ensure an employer has a good reputation any other relevant comment 		
	L1: 1 mark for each point identified and L2: 2 marks for each point developed (maximum 6 marks)		
		Total [18]	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
3 (a)	In 1993 the European Union made Regulations to keep workers healthy and safe. They are known as the 'Six Pack.' Identify any <u>three</u> specific duties from these Regulations.	[3]	Reward category or specific example of duty
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1		enample et eaty
	Candidates will identify any three duties from the following:		
	 risk assessment maintenance of efficient and clean premises maintenance of plant and equipment maintenance of personal protection equipment reducing manual handling risks safe use of VDU and work stations 		
	1 mark for each correct duty identified (maximum 3 marks)		

Question	Expe	ected Answer			Mark	Additional Guidance
3 (b)		chart below gives six factual scenarios, mai d by an employer, numbered <u>1</u> to <u>6</u> .	rked <u>/</u>	<u>A</u> to <u>F</u> . There are also six specific duties	[6]	
		Scenario		Duty		
	A	Amy is a secretary who works at a computer for 37 hours each week over 5 days.	1	An employer must provide adequate sanitary arrangements for all employees.		
	В	Barry operates a machine which prints newspapers. Sometimes the machine jams and to save time Bill reaches into the machine and frees the paper while the machine is running.	2	An employer must reduce any manual handling which creates risks and train employees on proper manual handling to avoid risk of injury.		
	С	Candice works in a carpet factory. It is always hot and noisy. Sometimes there is so much dust in the air it is hard for Candice to see what she is doing.	3	An employer should prevent access to dangerous machinery and have controls which stop the machine instantly if there is something wrong.		
	D	Damien regularly has to lift sacks of potatoes because his fork lift truck keeps breaking down as it is not serviced properly. As a result he has a bad back.	4	An employer should provide free eye testing and regular breaks.		
	E	Emily works in an office with more than 70 other men and women. There is only one toilet for all the office staff.	5	An employer must ensure that all personal safety equipment is kept in good repair.		
	F	Fabio works in a chemical laboratory and has to wear a face mask. Each mask lasts four weeks but Fabio is only given one mask every six months to save money. Fabio develops a severe allergic condition.	6	An employer must provide pure air, reasonable temperatures and adequate lighting in the workplace.		

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Question	Expected Answer		Mark	Additional Guidance
3 (b) (continued)		h of the factual situations, <u>A-F</u> . Record your answers		
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2			
	Candidates will place numbers in the boxes as t	follows:		
	Scenario	Duty		
	A	4		
	В	3		
	С	6		
	D	2		
	E	1		
	F	5		
	1 mark each for each correct answer (maximum	n 6 marks)		

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3 (c)	Read the following passage and fill in the missing words from the list below.	[3]	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2		
	Candidates will insert from the list as follows:		
	• duties		
	rights		
	psychiatric		
	physical		
	homes		
	• premises		
	As well as European Union law, the health and safety of employees is protected by judges when they decide cases. They place <u>DUTIES</u> on employers to provide safe workplaces and to protect workers against bodily and <u>PSYCHIATRIC</u> injury. Parliament has also passed the <u>Health and Safety at Work Act 1974</u> . This creates a Health and Safety Executive with officials who can enter <u>PREMISES</u> in order to investigate breaches of the law and then issue Improvement Notices so that the law is complied with.		
	1 mark each for each correct answer (maximum 3 marks)		

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
3 (d)	Identify six potential health and safety hazards which you can find in this illustration.		
	The view is of a staff room in a school. At the far end there is a desk against the wall. A computer is on the desk and a cable runs from the computer across the floor to a socket on the right hand side of the room. The plug socket is hanging off the wall. The desk is full of books. Also on the desk is a coffee maker with a jug full of coffee perched on the very edge of the desk. On the left hand side of the room are three chairs. The middle one has a broken leg which is held in place by a pile of books. Next to the chair there is a toaster on the floor. In the middle of the room is a rug with a curled up edge. On the right hand side of the door does not close properly. There is a sink next to the fridge for washing up. Unwashed crockery is piled up in the sink and the tea-towel is very dirty. Scattered on the floor in any available space are hockey sticks and rugby balls.		
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3		
	Candidates will identify any six hazards from the following:		
	 someone may trip on the wire from the computer the plug is not safe if it is hanging off the wall the jug of coffee could spill and burn someone the chair could collapse if someone sits on it the toaster on the floor could cause a fire someone could trip on the corner of the rug someone could become ill if food in the fridge is not stored at the correct temperature someone could become ill from germs as the crockery and tea-towel are dirty someone could trip on a hockey stick or a rugby ball someone could trip over the books mark for each hazard identified (maximum 6 marks) 		
		Total	
		[18]	

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4 (a)	There are different types of dismissal:		
	summary dismissal		
	wrongful dismissal		
	unfair dismissal		
	constructive dismissal		
(i)	Explain the ways in which <u>summary</u> dismissal is different to the other types of dismissal.	[3]	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1		
	Candidates will explain the following differences:		
	the employee can be dismissed immediately		
	the employee does not receive pay in lieu of notice		
	there must be gross misconduct by the employee		
	1 mark for each way explained (maximum 3 marks)		
(ii)	Ahmed works for a bank. The bank writes to tell Ahmed that his department is being 're-organised'		
	and moved to a town 100 miles away. Ahmed is told if he does not move he will be given a less important job and will be paid less money. Ahmed does not want to move. His boss starts to		
	criticise his work and this upsets Ahmed so much he has to leave his job because of stress.		
	Explain three reasons why constructive dismissal may have been appropriate in this situation.	[3]	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2		
	Candidates will explain any three of the following reasons:		
	 telling Ahmed his department is being moved to a town 100 miles away may be unreasonable 		
	the offer of a lesser job at lower pay is unreasonable		
	criticising Ahmed's work upsets him		
	 although Ahmed has not actually been dismissed, creating a situation in which he is ill and feels forced to resign can be constructive dismissal 		
	1 mark for each reason explained (maximum 3 marks)		

Question	Expected Answer		Mark	Additional Guidance
4 (b) (i)	In any claim for dismissal some types of dismissal are automatically <u>unfair</u> and some potentially <u>fair</u> . No claim is possible if it is carried out fairly.	e are		
	In the following chart identify the <u>three</u> situations which are potentially <u>fair</u> dismissals your answers with a tick (\checkmark) next to the appropriate situations.	s. Show	[3]	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1			
	Candidates will tick the boxes as follows:	Tick		
	A genuine redundancy	√		
	Dismissal of a pregnant employee purely because she is pregnant			
	Dismissal of a person who has stolen from his employer	\checkmark		
	Dismissal of a person who is too ill ever to return to work	\checkmark		
	Dismissal of a person working on a building site who insisted on being given a hard hat			
	Dismissal of an employee because he joined a trade union			
	1 mark for each correct tick (maximum 3 marks)			

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
4 (b)(ii)*	Discuss reasons why it is important for employers to be able to dismiss employees.	[9]	Using examples
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3		attracts some credit.
	 Candidates will discuss any of the following (credit should be given for both breadth and/or depth of discussion): the employee may have lied about their qualification to get the job the employee may be incapable of doing the job even after being trained the employee may be incapable of work because of permanent illness making it unfair for the employer to have to pay him indefinitely the employee may have a history of insubordination and not responding to warnings the employee may be violent the employee may be dishonest the employee may not work hard enough the employee may have extreme views the employee may have extrame views the employer's business may be reducing because he has less orders, etc, or the employer may have to dismiss certain staff because of regulations imposed by the government a fixed term contract may have come to an end and there is no further requirement for the employee's services there may be a genuine need for reorganisation of the business Candidates will score as follows: 0 marks no response or no response worthy of credit L1: 1-3 marks basic points made with basic communication. The response lacks organisation, structure and accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar. L2: 4-6 marks points made with some elaboration and adequate communication. The response is adequately organised, structured and with some errors of spelling, punctuation and grammar. L3: 7-9 marks points explained with good reasoning and with few crors in grammar, punctuation and spelling.		If only one reason is discussed then maximum top L1. To get into L3 overall at least two of the reasons discussed must each be in L3.
		Total [18]	

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