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General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit **B144:** Consumer Rights and Responsibilities

Mark Scheme for June 2012

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Annotations used in the detailed Mark Scheme

Annotation	Meaning
	Tick
×	Cross
110	Benefit of doubt
NEE	Benefit of doubt not given
1342	Repeat
8	Irrelevant
A	Omission mark
	Level 1
12	Level 2
19	Level 3
	Expansion of a point
√ .	Development of point
Ya	Vague
IMA	Not answered question

Q	uestion	Answer Answer		Guidance	
1	(a)	Assessment Objective 1 Candidates will identify up to three of the following: a. Statement of material fact b. Made by one party to a contract to the other party to the contract c. During negotiations leading up to a contract d. Intended to induce or entice the other party to enter contract e. Not intended to be a binding obligation f. Untrue, lied or incorrectly stated	3	1 mark for each correct element identified (maximum 3 marks)	
	(b)	Assessment Objective 2 Candidates will tick boxes (i), (iv) and (v) Total	3 6	1 mark for each correct item identified (maximum 3 marks) Award zero marks for additional boxes ticked.	

2 (a) Assessment Objective 1 Candidates will identify as follows: (i) Reasonable care and skill (ii) Carried out within a reasonable time 3 1 mark for each correct type of implied term identified (maximum 3 marks) (i) Needs both care and skill		Question			Answer	Marks	Guidance
	2			Can (i) (ii)	didates will identify as follows: Reasonable care and skill Carried out within a reasonable time Payment of reasonable amount if no price agreed		1 mark for each correct type of implied term identified (maximum 3 marks)

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			Content	Levels of Response
(b)	Assessment Objective 2 Candidates will explain the following: (i) Implied term is breached	9	Bob should be able to expect that Andrea is competent to do the job as she is a professional architect	For each of the three scenarios

Question	Answer Marks		Guidance				
			Content	Levels of Response			
	(ii) Implied term is not breached		 Bob is paying for Andrea's services and they have a contract as he is paying for her services Andrea should be able to carry out the calculations in a professional way and get them right. Andrea should be able to use reasonable care and skill to carry out the calculations in a professional manner 	give credit as follows: L3: 3 marks for a number of points or good reasoning L2: 2 marks for identifying 2 basic points or adequate reasoning L1: 1 mark for identifying 1 basic point or limited reasoning			
	(iii) Implied term is breached		 Yves has given an estimate of the time the job will take He should be given some flexibility if he does not know how long the fabric will take to arrive Dorothy should be able to expect the work to be done in reasonable time, however receiving the dress on the day can be regarded as unreasonable even though she could still wear it. 	marks – no response or no response worthy of credit (maximum 9 marks)			
			 (iii) Edward has not asked for an estimate of the cost and George has not provided one The price is double what Edward's neighbour paid and George's silence has led Edward to believe 				

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			this is around the price he will pay As no price has been agreed Edward should pay a reasonable price and it seems likely that £1,000 is too much. Credit reference to not having to pay the full amount	
			NB no credit to be given for remedies	

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(c)	 Assessment Objective 3 Candidates will discuss any two of the following: If an implied term is inserted a seller is bound even though it does not appear in the contract This is so even if the seller would prefer it was not included Implied terms are also conditions This means that if there is a breach the consumer can get compensation A consumer can also return the goods and get their money back Courts have been generous in the way they define implied terms If goods do not fit their description the consumer has a remedy. Use of an example. Consequence for the seller in terms of standards. 	6	Credit should be given for both breadth and depth Using suitable examples attracts some credit Credit for remedies to be given here	For each way discussed: L3: 3 marks for further development of the point L2: 2 marks for the point developed L1: 1 mark for the point identified 0 marks – no response or no response worthy of credit (maximum 6 marks)

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance	•
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	 If goods are not of satisfact quality the consumer has a remulse of an example. Conseque for the seller in terms of standard. If goods are not fit for purpose consumer has a remedy Use of example. Consequence for seller in terms of standards. Any other relevant comment. 	edy ence s. the f an		
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Q	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
3	(a)	Assessment Objective 1 Candidates will identify up to three of the following defences:	3	1 mark for each correct defence identified (maximum 3 marks)
		 Product complies with statutory or EU obligations Defect did not exist when product supplied by defendant Product not supplied in the course of a business Defendant can show they did not supply product State of technical/scientific knowledge such that defendant could not have known about defect 		Credit reference to warning signs and labels
	(b)	Assessment Objective 2 Candidates will answer as follows: (i) YES (ii) NO (iii) NO (iv) YES	6	1 mark each for each correct answer (maximum 6 marks) Accept 'y' or 'n' as answers No credit for yes and no in the same box

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
	(v) NO		
	(vi) YES		
(c)	Candidates will identify up to three of the following elements:	3	Assessment Objective 1
	 Duty of care owed by manufacturer Breach of duty by manufacturer 		1 mark for each correct identification (maximum 3 marks)
	 Breach of duty by manufacturer Manufacturer causes foreseeable loss/foreseeable damage results from manufacturing breach. 		Candidates must make reference to foreseeability or damage resulting from breach
(d)	Candidates will identify the following:	6	Assessment Objective 3
	(i) Supplier (ii) Wholesaler (iii) Manufacturer (iv) Repairer or fiver		1 mark for each identification of a type of defendant (maximum 6 marks)
	(iv) Repairer or fixer(v) Assembler(vi) Retailer or shopkeeper		(iii) Do not accept producer (v) Do not credit producer (vi) Do not accept seller
	Total	18	

C	uestion	Answer	Marks	Guidance
4	(a)	Assessment Objective 1 Candidates will insert from the list as follows in this order: fact invalid enforceable or valid	3	1 mark each for each correct answer (maximum 3 marks)
	(b)	Assessment Objective 1 Candidates will identify up to three of the following reasons: Ben has signed a form before which may mean that any exclusion clause has been incorporated when he	3	1 mark for each reason identified (maximum 3 marks) Do not accept reference to it was unsigned

Question	Answer		Guidance	
	 does not sign this time, based on previous dealings If MechanicsRus wanted the clause to be valid it would need to be clear and unambiguous As they have not said they would not be liable even if they were negligent they will not be able to rely on the exclusion clause. 		Lack of Care or similar not sufficient. Credit reference to negligence.	
(c)	Assessment Objective 1 Candidates will tick (i), (iii) and (vi).	3	mark for each correct identification (maximum 3 marks) Award zero marks for additional boxes ticked	

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(d)	 Assessment Objective 3 Candidates will discuss any three of the following: Identification of general principles relating to exclusion clauses re the protection of consumers Ability to sue or terminate contract but all must be based on lack of reasonableness of the clause Therefore the seller has a responsibility to ensure reasonableness of clauses There can be no exclusion of liability for death or personal injury caused by the seller's negligence This is important because it means a consumer can always get a remedy if they are injured by a defective service or product 	9	Credit should be given for both breadth and depth Using examples attracts some credit If only one reason is discussed than maximum top L1. To get into L3 overall at least two of the reasons discussed must each be in L3.	Candidates will score as follows: L3: 7-9 marks – points explained with good reasoning and with effective communication through discussion. The response is well organised, structured, with few errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling. 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. L1: 1-3 marks – basic points made with basic communication. The response lacks organisation, structure and accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

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	 This should encourage sellers to be more careful as they do not want to pay out compensation or get a bad name There can be no exclusion of liability based on a guarantee if there are defects caused by negligence in manufacture or distribution of goods This is important because it makes guarantees more meaningful which protects consumers This should encourage manufacturers to take more care There can be no exclusion of liability for breaches of implied conditions relating to descriptions, satisfactory quality or fitness for purpose This is important as otherwise it would be too easy for sellers to exclude a wide range of liabilities Having liability means that consumers have a remedy when the goods they buy are defective There can be no exclusion of liability for services either and goods provided as part of a service This keeps consumers safer It also forces providers of services to do a good job and to use good quality materials 		Content	O marks – no response or no response worthy of credit

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			•	Any other relevant comment.			
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