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Law

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit **B143**: Employment Rights and Responsibilities

Mark Scheme for June 2013

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Annotations

| Annotation | Meaning |
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| ✓ | Correct point or answer given. |
| × | Response is incorrect, no credit can be given. |
| BOD | Benefit of doubt - credit given |
| NBOD | Benefit of doubt - credit not given |
| REP | 'Repeat' Response repeats the same marking point. |
| } | Not relevant or the response given is 'Unclear' to the marker. / to indicate all or part blank answer pages have been seen by the marker. |
| ^ | Omission mark |
| L1 | Level 1 |
| L2 | Level 2 |
| L3 | Level 3 |
| E | Expansion of a point |
| V + | Development of point |
| VG | Vague – credit cannot be given |
| NAQ | Not answered the question |

| C | uestio | Answer | Marks | Guidance |
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| 1 | (a) | Candidates will identify up to three of the following: | 3 | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1 |
| | | Hours of workMethod of payment | | 1 mark for each correct piece of information identified. |
| | | Job title. | | (maximum 3 marks) |
| | (b) | Candidates will identify as follows: | 3 | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2 |
| | | (i) Employed (ii) Self-employed | | 1 mark for each correct identification. |
| | | (iii) Employed. | | (maximum 3 marks) |
| 2 | (a) | Candidates will identify as follows: | 3 | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1 |
| | | (i) Summary | | 1 mark for each correct identification. |
| | | (ii) Wrongful/unfair (iii) Constructive. | | (maximum 3 marks) |

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| | | | | | Content | Levels of response | |
| (b) | | Can | didates will explain the following: | 9 | | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2 | |
| | | (i) | Dismissal is likely to be fair | | Michaela Michaela's employer has been helpful and supportive Michaela's dismissal can be justified as she is not capable of doing the job. | For each of the three scenarios above give credit as follows: Level 3: 3 marks for a number of points or good reasoning. | |
| | | /···\ | | | | Level 2 : 2 marks for identifying 2 basic points or adequate reasoning. | |
| | | (ii) | Dismissal is likely to be unfair | | Paternity leave is a statutory or legal right or legal entitlement or in the contract of employment Simon can take his paternity leave. If Simon is dismissed he | Level 1: 1 mark for identifying 1 basic point or limited reasoning. 0 marks – no response or no response worthy of credit | |
| | | (iii) | Dismissal is likely to be fair. | | could receive compensation/ get his job back. Ratmir Ratmir's boss has provided extra training to help him | (maximum 9 marks) In relation to Simon do not credit reference to Employment Tribunal unless linked to remedy. | |
| | | | | | As Ratmir is costing his employer a lot of money his dismissal is justifiable as he is not capable of doing his job. | In relation to Michaela credit dismissal as automatically unfair only if linked to disability discrimination. In these circumstances employer has to have medical evidence to support capability dismissal. The likely remedy would be compensation. | |

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| | (c) | Candidates will discuss any two of the following: New technology or a new system makes a job unnecessary – an employer may need to change the way they run their business so they can remain competitive or to survive and so they may need to make workers redundant to maintain their business. The job the employee was hired for no longer exists – the job may have been for a fixed-term and it would make running a business very difficult if an employer could not lose an employee at the end of a contract period. Changes to the business may also mean that no one is needed to do that type of job anymore. The need to cut costs means staff numbers need to be reduced – if a business is to survive an employer needs to be able to make adjustments to deal with any financial crises and to make a profit so that other employees can be paid. The need to follow correct procedures -selection/consultation/payments/ notice/alternatives to redundancy. This ensures the employer avoids a claim from the employee. Any other relevant comment. | 6 | Credit should be given for both breadth and depth. • Using examples attracts some credit. | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3 Candidates will score as follows for each of the two situations: Level 3: 3 marks – develops a discussion of a relevant issue. Level 2: 2 marks – identifies a relevant issue with some elaboration. Level 1: 1 mark – identifies a relevant issue or makes any valid point. 0 marks – no response or nothing worthy of credit. (maximum 6 marks) | |

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| 3 | (a) | Candidates will insert the following in this order: statement hazards practicable. | 3 | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1 1 mark each for each correct word inserted. (maximum 3 marks) |
| | (b) | Candidates will match as follows: A 5 B 6 C 2 D 1 E 3 F 4 | 6 | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2 1 mark each for each correct answer. (maximum 6 marks) |
| | (c) | Candidates will identify up to three of the following: Take reasonable care of their own health and safety Take reasonable care of the health and safety of anyone who could be adversely affected by what they do or fail to do Cooperate with their employer to meet legal requirements. | 3 | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1 1 mark for each correct answer (accept summaries of these definitions). (maximum 3 marks) |

| Question | tion Answer I | | Guidance | | | | |
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| | | | Content | Levels of response | | | |
| (d) | Candidates will describe up to three of the following: Safe plant and appliances Competent fellow employees Safe system of work. | 6 | Using a ladder with broken rungs is not safe and the ladder should have been removed. Credit reference to safe equipment. Someone driving a fork lift truck clearly drunk is not competent to be in charge of machinery. Not being able to read instructions on how to lift things safely. | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3 Candidates will score as follows for each of the three reasons: Level 2: 2 marks – identifies the risk and explains how it occurs. Level 1: 1 mark – identifies the risk or explains how it occurs. O marks – no response or nothing worthy of credit. Credit safe equipment as alternative to safe plant and appliances. (maximum 6 marks) In relation to each: 1 mark for describing the breach of each scenario 1 mark for describing the common law duty. | | | |

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| 4 | (a) | Candidates will identify up to three of the following in this order: Direct Indirect Victimisation. | 3 | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1 1 mark for each way correctly identified. (maximum 3 marks) |
| | (b) | Candidates will identify the following: (i) Sergio – sexual orientation (ii) Wendy – equal pay/sex discrimination (iii) Patrick – transsexuals/gender re-assignment. | 3 | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1 1 mark for each correct identification. (maximum 3 marks) For Wendy credit sexism as a BOD. |
| | (c) | Candidates will explain the following: Melanie – the Act will protect Melanie as making racist jokes at work which offend her and make her embarrassed is unlawful discrimination. Farouk – the Act will protect Farouk as he cannot be excluded from employment just because the employer perceives drivers from Africa are more accident-prone. Tony – the Act will not protect Tony as it could be a genuine occupational requirement that he should be able to speak Polish. | 3 | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2 1 mark for each correct explanation. (maximum 3 marks) To attract a mark for each scenario there must be a decision and explanation. |

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| | | | Content | Levels of response | |
| (d)* | Candidates will discuss any three of the following: The law allows an employer to be seen as having fairness and justice in their workplace. This will make it a good place to work and help the employer attract good | 9 | Credit should be given for both breadth and depth. Using examples attracts some credit. | ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3 Candidates will score as follows: Level 3: 7–9 marks – points explained with good reasoning and with effective communication through discussion. The | |
| | workers which will improve their business The law means that an employer must treat everyone equally in their workplace. This | | | response is well organised, structured, with few errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling. | |
| | means that all applicants have an equal chance of getting a job and of then earning promotion based only on how well they | | | To get into Level 3 overall at least two of the reasons discussed must each be in Level 3. | |
| | work The law prevents stereotyping or prejudice so that an employer cannot make decisions based on what they think they know about a particular group of people and the employer | | | Level 2: 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. | |
| | can also make sure that other employees do not follow the same stereotypes or prejudices The law means that an employer must | | | Level 1: 1–3 marks – basic points made with basic communication. The response lacks organisation, structure and accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar. | |
| | protect against bullying and harassment which can make workers very unhappy and it could cost an employer if there is a tribunal as well as being bad for the | | | If only one reason is discussed than maximum top Level 1. | |
| | reputation of the business The law makes the employer's business | | | 0 marks – no response or no response worthy of credit. | |
| | more profitable as employees want to work hard because they feel supported and no money is spent fighting discrimination | | | (maximum 9 marks) | |
| | cases so the employer could even pay existing employees more. | | | Different reasons to be identified rather than 3 different types of discrimination. | |
| | Any other relevant comment. | | | | |

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