14 June 2011 Level 6 THE PRACTICE OF EMPLOYMENT LAW Subject Code L6-19



INSTITUTE OF LEGAL EXECUTIVES UNIT 19 – THE PRACTICE OF EMPLOYMENT LAW*

Time allowed: 3 hours plus 15 minutes reading time

Instructions to Candidates

- You have been provided with a clean copy of the case study materials for you to use in this examination.
- You have FIFTEEN minutes to read through this question paper and the case study materials before the start of the examination.
- It is strongly recommended that you use the reading time to <u>read</u> the question paper fully. However, you may make notes on the paper or in your answer booklet during this time if you wish.
- You must answer ALL the questions on this question paper.
- Write in full sentences a yes or no answer will earn no marks.
- Candidates may use in the examination their own unmarked copy of the designated statute book: Blackstone's Statutes on Employment Law 2010-2011, Twentieth edition, Richard Kidner, Oxford University Press, August 2010.
- Candidates must comply with the ILEX Examination Regulations.
- Full reasoning must be shown in answers. Statutory authorities, decided cases and examples should be used where appropriate.

Information for Candidates

- The mark allocation for each question and part question is given and you are advised to take this into account in planning your work.
- Write in blue or black ink or ball point pen.
- Attention should be paid to clear, neat handwriting and tidy alterations.
- Complete all rough work in your answer booklet. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Do not turn over this page until instructed by the Invigilator.

* This unit is a component of the following ILEX qualifications: LEVEL 6 CERTIFICATE IN LAW, LEVEL 6

Question 1

Sarah Carver

Reference: Question relates to **Document 1** of the case study materials.

Student Bounts, com Using the interview record provided by Jun Liu complete the attached ET1 form [Document A].

(14 marks)

IMPORTANT: Write your candidate number clearly on Document A and attach it securely to your answer booklet.

The interview record provides that about £15,000 compensation should be (b) awarded through the basic and compensatory awards. Explain how the basic and compensatory awards are calculated.

(6 marks)

(c) Should the application to the Employment Tribunal be unsuccessful, on what basis can an appeal be made to the Employment Appeal Tribunal and what is the procedure to be adopted?

(6 marks)

(Total: 26 marks)

Question 2

First Build Conservatories Ltd

Student Bounty.com (a) Your client, First Build Conservatories, is concerned about the taking over the business of Treble Top Conservatories. It is particularly interested if taking over just the assets of the business. Explain to your client whether or not this will be possible.

On the assumption that your client, First Build Conservatories, is not able to take over just the assets of the business, your client wishes to ensure that those employees transferred will work night shifts. Currently the employees working at Treble Top Conservatories only work during the day. Advise your client about the proposed change.

(6 marks)

Heera Chopra

Questions 2(c) and (d) relate to **Document 2** of the case study Reference: materials.

(c) Following a further conversation with Heera Chopra it is clear that her employer is still not happy about the consequences to the business of her being pregnant. Explain to Heera her rights concerning maternity leave.

(6 marks)

Heera wants to alter her hours when she returns to work from maternity (d) leave so that she can take the baby to nursery, starting work half an hour later and taking a shorter lunch break. How should her request be dealt with by her employer?

(6 marks)

(Total: 24 marks)

Question 3

David and Danielle Frobisher Furnishings (DDF Furnishings)

Reference: Ouestion relates to **Document 3** of the case study materials.

Student Bounty Com (a) Consider the likelihood of DDF Furnishings successfully enforcing the restrictive covenant.

(7 marks)

(b) The business is currently negotiating with a former employee with the intention of entering into a compromise agreement. The Frobishers would like you to continue with the negotiations. Explain to them the effect of such negotiations with regard to the creation of a compromise agreement.

(6 marks)

(c) The Frobishers also want new disciplinary and grievance procedures to replace their current ones which they feel do not meet the needs of the business or its employees. Identify what needs to be considered in relation to the key elements of fairness in the provisions of the policies.

(8 marks)

(Total: 21 marks)

Question 4

Conor Daly

Reference: Question relates to **Document 4** of the case study materials.

(a) Relying on the statement provided by your client, assess whether Conor Daly has a prima facie claim for unfair dismissal (do not consider the procedures followed by the employer).

(10 marks)

(b) Consider whether the university have acted in an appropriate way in dealing with the dismissal.

(6 marks)

What are the powers of the Employment Tribunal should an appropriate (c) procedure not have been followed?

(5 marks)

Unfortunately the matter could not be resolved and proceedings have been (d) issued. Conor Daly wants to know what the procedure is once the ET1 has been sent to the Employment Tribunal. Briefly explain to him how the case will progress.

(8 marks)

(Total: 29 marks)

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