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Paper 3 Law of Contract

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
 - Section A: answer **one** question.
 - Section B: answer **two** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A

Answer **one** question from this section.

EITHER

1 Bilal owns a shop. One of his suppliers, ABC, writes to him offering to sell 200 jars of coffee at a reduced price of £400. Bilal replies immediately, by post, agreeing to buy the coffee. He asks if it is possible to pay £200 now and £200 at a later date. Bilal does not receive a response. He writes to ABC again to ask when the coffee will be delivered. ABC responds stating that they have sold the coffee to another customer.

Bilal's cat is missing. He displays a poster in his shop advertising a £100 reward for the safe return of his cat. Steve, a regular customer at Bilal's shop, finds a cat in a local park. He recognises it as belonging to Bilal. Steve takes the cat back to the shop and gives it to Bilal. As Steve leaves the shop, he notices the poster and asks for the £100 reward. Bilal refuses to give him the money.

Advise the parties whether there has been offer and acceptance.

[25]

OR

2 XY Ltd (XYL) is hosting a festival. Tickets cost £10 per person. There will be various activities for families to enjoy throughout the day, including live music and entertainment for children. The day will end with a big fireworks display.

Sarah has been employed by XYL for three months to plan the festival. A week before the festival, Sarah becomes ill and is unable to work. XYL refuses to pay her for any of the work she has completed.

The day before the festival, XYL finds out that the fireworks will not be delivered in time for the display. Thomas has paid £40 for tickets in advance, for himself and three children. When they arrive at the festival, they are told that the fireworks display will not go ahead. Thomas demands a full refund. XYL refuses because all the other activities are still taking place.

Advise the parties as to their rights and liabilities under the doctrine of frustration.

[25]

Section B

Answer **two** questions from this section.

3 The common law controls on exclusion clauses provide fairness for both parties.

Assess the validity of this statement.

[25]

4 Assess whether the rules governing existing duties ensure that a consistent approach is taken when identifying valid consideration in an agreement.

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5 Assess the extent to which innominate terms are effective in determining the outcome of a breach of term.

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