

CILEX Level 6 Single Subject Certificate/CILEX Level 6 Professional Higher Diploma in Law and Practice/CILEX Level 6 Graduate Fast-Track Diploma

Unit 20 – The Practice of Family Law

Question paper

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Time allowed: 3 hours and 15 minutes (includes 15 minutes reading time)

Instructions and information

- It is recommended that you take **15** minutes to read through this question paper before you start answering the questions. However, if you wish to, you may start answering the questions immediately.
- You must answer **all** questions.
- This question paper is out of 100 marks.
- The marks for each question are shown — use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
- Write in full sentences — a yes or no answer will earn no marks.
- Full reasoning must be shown in your answers.
- Statutory authorities, decided cases and examples should be used where appropriate.
- You are allowed to use your own printed copy of the pre-release case study materials, as long as the materials are not annotated in any way. Alternatively, you can access the electronic version of the pre-release case study materials available in the examination.
- You are allowed to make notes on your scrap paper during the examination.
- A basic calculator is provided should you require the use of one.
- You can use your own unmarked copy of the following designated statute book- Blackstone's Statutes on Family Law, 31st edition, Rob George, Oxford University Press, 2023.
- You must comply with the CILEX Exam Regulations – Online Exams at Accredited Centres/CILEX Exam Regulations – Online Exams with Remote Invigilation.

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Answer ALL questions

Question 1

Reference: Question relates to **Documents 1 and 2** of the case study materials.

In relation to your client, Chandice Williams, you need to deal with the following matters:

(a) Advise whether Mrs Williams is able to apply to the Family Court for a divorce, the ground for divorce and how this can be satisfied.

(10 marks)

(b) Explain to Mrs Williams the process of applying for divorce, including the time frame.

(9 marks)

(c) Advise of the effect of divorce on pensions and on inheritance and of any action Mrs Williams should take in this respect.

(5 marks)

(Total: 24 marks)

Question 2

Reference: Question relates to **Documents 1 and 3** of the case study materials.

In relation to your client, Tina Sussman, you need to deal with the following matters:

(a) Explain the options available to Mrs Sussman to resolve financial matters amicably and without recourse to court.

(7 marks)

(b) Advise Mrs Sussman whether Alex, as an unmarried cohabitant, would be able to make any claims on the family home if it is transferred into her sole name and, if so, what action she should take to prevent a possible claim.

(10 marks)

(c) Explain to Mrs Sussman what action she could take if Mr Sussman withdraws his agreement to pay voluntary child maintenance payments.

(5 marks)

(Total: 22 marks)

Question 3

Reference: Question relates to **Documents 1 and 4** of the case study materials.

In relation to your client, Richard Potter, you need to deal with the following matters:

(a) Advise Mr Potter which s8 Children Act 1989 order he can apply for to resolve the difficulties that he is having in seeing his children and the basis on which he can apply.

(5 marks)

For the purpose of Question 2(b) below, assume that Mr Potter instructs you to make the application required.

(b) Advise Mr Potter of the likely outcome of his application, with reference to the factors that the court will consider in deciding whether to grant this order.

(18 marks)

(c) Explain to Mr Potter the nature of a Family Assistance Order and how it could help with his difficulties in seeing Bella and Flora.

(5 marks)

(Total: 28 marks)

Question 4

Reference: Question relates to **Documents 1 and 5** of the case study materials.

In relation to your client, Jaya Harris, you need to deal with the following matters:

(a) Explain which orders you should apply for on behalf of Mrs Harris to protect her from further domestic abuse and explain how the application should be commenced.

(6 marks)

(b) Advise Mrs Harris of the likely outcome of her application, with reference to the factors that the court must consider when deciding whether or not to grant the orders.

(20 marks)

(Total: 26 marks)

End of the examination