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Unit 3 – Criminal 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 **fifteen** 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.
- There are **two** sections in this question paper — Section A and Section B. Each section has four questions.
- You must answer **four** of the eight questions — at least **one** question must be from **Section A** and at least **one** question must be from **Section B**.
- 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 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 Criminal Law, 35th edition, Matthew Dyson, Oxford University Press, 2025.***
- You must comply with the CILEX Exam Regulations – Online Exams at Accredited Centres/CILEX Exam Regulations – Online Exams with Remote Invigilation.

SECTION A

Answer at least one question from this section.

1. An attempted offence requires the defendant to have the intention to commit a substantive offence.

Critically evaluate the above statement.

(25 marks)

2. Critically assess the grounds upon which liability for failing to act will be imposed in criminal law.

(25 marks)

3. Critically analyse whether the defence of intoxication, in its current form, is fit for purpose.

(25 marks)

4. Critically evaluate how the courts have interpreted the concepts of:

(a) recklessness;

(10 marks)

(b) dishonesty.

(15 marks)

(Total: 25 marks)

SECTION B

Answer at least one question from this section.

Question 1

Alice, Yara and Wes are all students at university who live together and are on a night out at a pub to play darts in Kempston. Yara decides to order a taxi outside the pub and tells Alice and Wes to finish their drinks so they can head home. While standing in the busy pub Tom pushes past Alice, causing her to spill her drink on her t-shirt. Wes pushes Tom hard from behind and shouts 'Watch where you are going!'. Tom starts to shout at Wes and when Yara sees the commotion, she walks towards Wes and Alice and thinking they were being threatened, punches Tom in the face, resulting in a broken nose.

Mitchell, the security guard at the pub, sees the commotion and runs over to see what is happening. He restrains Yara and calls an ambulance for Tom. Yara is not happy about being restrained and is shouting at Mitchell, calling him a 'stupid idiot' and trying to free herself from his restraint.

Advise Tom, Wes and Yara of their potential criminal liability along with any defences that may be available to them.

[Do NOT discuss intoxication as a defence.]

(25 marks)

Question 2

Fatima is married to Deyu and they live in Kempston with their two children. Deyu's sister, Hallie, suspects that domestic violence is happening in Deyu's home. One day, Hallie meets Deyu in a local café for a catch up and notices that Deyu has bruises on his arms. When Hallie questions the bruises, Deyu admits that Fatima is often angry and takes her anger out on him.

This angers Hallie, who decides to go and confront Fatima about the abuse and prevent her doing it again. She leaves Deyu in the café and rushes to Deyu's house, where Fatima is looking after their children. After ringing the doorbell numerous times and becoming increasingly angry, Hallie decides to throw a brick through the window in the front door to get Fatima's attention.

When Fatima comes outside, Hallie shouts 'You are an abuser!' at Fatima and punches her in the face three times. This causes Fatima to fall backwards and hit her head on the doorstep, killing her instantly.

Advise Hallie of her potential criminal liability along with any defences that may be available to her.

[Do NOT discuss any potential criminal liability of Fatima.]

(25 marks)

Question 3

Taylor is a qualified carer who visits several patients per day. Taylor specialises in home care for elderly patients suffering from dementia. One of his long-term patients, Lana, has late-stage dementia, meaning she suffers from significant memory loss and has total dependence on Taylor and her other carers for everyday tasks.

Each month, Taylor is authorised to pay Lana's bills using her bank card, including rent, utilities, food costs and the cost of her care. One month, Taylor is paying the bills for Lana on his laptop and sees an advert for a sale at his favourite clothes store. He clicks on the link to the website and browses the sale. He puts several items into his basket and pays for the items with Lana's bank card, with the bill totalling £98.

Taylor closes the laptop and goes back downstairs to carry on his caring duties. He later realises that the transaction did not go through and his purchase was not completed.

Advise Taylor of his potential criminal liability, if his actions come to light, in relation to any offences he may have committed.

(25 marks)

Question 4

Patrick lives in Kempston with his family. When he was a teenager and still at school, he joined a gang called the 'Green Hood Gang'; they had promised to help him pay for his bills, such as his mobile phone bill, as Patrick's parents did not earn a lot of money. The 'Green Hood Gang' are known to commit criminal activity; their rival gang is called the 'Blue Hood Gang' and there have been several situations where the two gangs have taken part in fights with each other.

One day, the leader of the 'Green Hood Gang', Niamh, calls Patrick, now 22 years old, and asks him to try to get 'inside information' about members of the 'Blue Hood Gang'. She suggests that Patrick break into the house of Ewan, the leader of the Blue Hood gang, to see if he can obtain any information on the gang members. Patrick responds to Niamh saying that he no longer wants to be involved in the gang. This angers Niamh who then threatens Patrick, saying she will 'hurt his family' if he does not do what she asks.

Later that day, Patrick breaks into Ewan's house through an open window, looks around to see what he can find and comes across a USB stick in a computer. He quickly takes the USB stick and leaves the property.

- (a) Advise Patrick of his potential criminal liability along with any defences that may be available to him.

[Do NOT discuss the potential criminal liability of Niamh or Ewan.]

(18 marks)

Jacqueline is an elderly woman who lives in Kempston. She requires care 24/7 and has many carers who assist her daily. Carole is one of the carers who visits Jacqueline four days per week and as part of her job she is required to assist in daily household tasks, helping Jacqueline with personal care and administering medication when necessary.

One day, while at Jacqueline's house, Carole forgets to administer some important medication that Jacqueline takes every day. As a result of this failure, Jacqueline is rushed to hospital after suffering a cardiac arrest. She dies two days later.

- (b) Advise Carole of her potential criminal liability.

[Do NOT discuss any potential defences available to Carole.]

(7 marks)

(Total: 25 marks)

End of the examination

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