

THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LEGAL EXECUTIVES

UNIT 13 – THE PRACTICE OF EMPLOYMENT LAW*

Time allowed: 1 hour and 30 minutes 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> this question **paper fully.** However, you may make notes on this question paper or in your answer booklet during this time, if you wish.
- All questions are compulsory. You must answer ALL the questions.
- Write in full sentences a yes or no answer will earn no marks.
- Candidates must comply with the CILEx 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 ballpoint 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 CILEX LEVEL 3 PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS and LEVEL 3 LEGAL SERVICES KNOWLEDGE QUALIFICATIONS

Question 1

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

(a) Explain the potential funding options available to Jean, should he wish to pursue the matter.

(5 marks)

(b) Identify and explain which provisions in the Equality Act 2010 may have been breached by the decision not to employ Jean.

(6 marks)

(c) Identify the form which Jean must use to make a claim for discrimination to the employment tribunal.

(1 mark)

- (d) If the case progresses to the Employment Tribunal, Jean is concerned that the resultant publicity may affect his ability to get a job in the future.
 - (i) Identify the Orders that the Employment Tribunal could make to stop information about the case being made public.

(3 marks)

(ii) Explain whether any such Orders are likely to be made.

(2 marks)

(Total: 17 marks)

Question 2

- Reference: Question relates to **Documents 1 and 3** of the case study materials.
- (a) Identify **two** policies or procedures that an employment lawyer could draft for an employer, not including a staff handbook.

(2 marks)

- (b) Explain:
 - (i) the **three** situations in which Simply Chemicals Ltd can lawfully make its staff redundant;

(6 marks)

(ii) which situation is relevant in this case.

(1 mark)

(c) Identify **three** examples of objective criteria that Alicja could use in order to select employees for redundancy.

(3 marks)

(d) Calculate the Basic Award for redundancy that Simply Chemicals Ltd is legally required to pay Delia.

(5 marks)

(e) (i) Identify the type of clause that Alicja would like to be inserted into each employee's contract of employment.

(1 mark)

(ii) Explain whether such a clause is likely to be enforceable in the future.

(2 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

Question 3

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

(a) Explain the possible legal issues Hannah faces in respect of the reference she provided for Jemimah.

(5 marks)

Jemimah has resigned from her job with Hannah, because of the reference that Hannah supplied to her prospective employer. Hannah is concerned that Jemimah may bring a claim for unfair dismissal.

- (b) Explain:
 - (i) whether Jemimah meets the eligibility criteria to bring a claim for unfair dismissal;

(6 marks)

(ii) whether Jemimah has a potential claim for unfair dismissal.

(5 marks)

(c) Explain whether a restrictive covenant, to the extent that Hannah suggested, would be enforceable in the circumstances.

(4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

Question 4

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

(a) Explain whether Horrace would have to use his holiday entitlement.

(4 marks)

(b) Explain what Tracey may be entitled to, if her employer has acted in breach of contract.

(4 marks)

(c) Explain whether Ai Zhang's employer can require her to work 65 hours per week.

(5 marks)

(Total: 13 marks)

End of Examination Paper

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