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## THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LEGAL EXECUTIVES

#### UNIT 19 – RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LEASEHOLD CONVEYANCING<sup>\*</sup>

#### 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.

<sup>\*</sup> This unit is a component of the CILEX LEVEL 3 PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS and LEVEL 3 LEGAL SERVICES KNOWLEDGE QUALIFICATIONS

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

#### In relation to Flat 25, Signature House, Hunter Drive, Longbury, Hartshire

Sixteen months ago, Anne and John signed an agreement with the freehold owner of the flat to occupy it for 18 months in return for a monthly fee. The owner reserved a right in the agreement to enter, inspect and, if necessary, repair the flat without the need to provide notice. The owner has frequently exercised this right during their occupation.

(a) Identify the **three** key features of a lease.

#### (3 marks)

(b) Explain whether Anne and John's agreement satisfies these key features, concluding with your assessment of the nature of this agreement.

(6 marks)

(Total: 9 marks)

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

#### In relation to 18 Birchdale Crescent, Longbury, Hartshire

Your conveyancing partner, Colin Waring, has suggested that Anne and John may wish to co-own 18 Birchdale Crescent as beneficial tenants in common.

(a) Explain why the option of a tenancy in common may be appropriate in their circumstances.

### (6 marks)

The pre-contract documentation has been supplied by Fenton (Residential Investments) Limited. Included in the documentation are details of the NHBC Buildmark cover.

(b) Explain the stages of cover that will be provided for your clients under the NHBC Buildmark scheme.

#### (4 marks)

(c) Explain which Law Society formula you would expect to be used on exchange of contracts (by telephone) for the purchase of 18 Birchdale Crescent.

### (4 marks)

(d) Explain whether this transaction will qualify as a notifiable transaction for the purposes of stamp duty land tax.

#### (2 marks)

(Total: 16 marks)

Reference: Question relates to **Documents 2 and 3** of the case study materials.

#### In relation to Flat 42, Ramsden Court, Dayton, Hartshire

Colin Waring has asked you to take initial instructions from Imran over the phone. You decide to put together a checklist, so that you do not overlook any matters.

(a) List **five** examples of information that you would obtain from Imran when taking initial instructions.

#### (5 marks)

Keir and Orla Breen have approached Imran, to see if he would check whether your firm would be prepared to act for them as well as Imran, in order to save time and expense in the transaction.

(b) Explain why, for reasons of professional conduct, it is unlikely that you will act for both the buyer and the sellers in relation to this transaction.

#### (8 marks)

Having resolved the professional conduct issue, you will act for Imran only. You are examining the official copy entries [**Document 3**] sent to you by the sellers' solicitors as part of the pre-contract package.

(c) Explain the title implications of entry 3 in the Property Register of the title, and explain what you would check in relation to this entry on your client's behalf.

#### (3 marks)

Contracts have now been exchanged and you are preparing for completion of your client's purchase. A work placement student has completed Form OS1 [attached to this examination paper as **Document A**] and you have been asked to check the document for Colin Waring.

(d) Identify any errors in boxes 7, 8 and 9 of Form OS1 and explain how you would correct any such errors.

#### [NOTE TO CANDIDATES: Do not write your answer to this question on the Form OS1. Write out your answer to this question in your answer booklet.]

#### (6 marks)

Contracts have now been exchanged. Colin Waring has asked you to complete Imran's purchase. You have decided to prepare a checklist of the documents that you expect to receive from the sellers' solicitors.

(e) List **five** documents that the sellers' solicitors should deliver to you on completion.

(5 marks)

Completion has now taken place and you need to register the purchase at the Land Registry.

(f) Identify the time limit for registering this purchase at the Land Registry, and explain the consequence of failing to comply with that time limit.

(3 marks)

(Total: 30 marks)

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

#### In relation to Unit 8, Fowler Heath Business Park, Longbury, Hartshire

Imran is the landlord of Unit 8, Fowler Heath Business Park, Longbury.

Imran's tenant, Matthew, has indicated that he intends to sell his lease to a new buyer. Imran is concerned about the buyer's ability to pay rent and to observe the lease covenants, and he has raised these concerns with you. You have looked at his lease and have noted that it allows Imran to request an authorised guarantee agreement (AGA) from the current tenant, if he is to permit the sale.

(a) Explain why an authorised guarantee agreement is an important provision for a landlord of a commercial lease.

#### (4 marks)

Imran telephones you at the office. He says that during a recent conversation with Colin Waring, Colin had used the phrase 'institutional lease'. Imran was too embarrassed at the time to ask Colin for an explanation of the term, but he feels more comfortable asking you.

(b) Explain the term 'institutional lease' and its key features.

#### (6 marks)

Imran has contacted your firm again. He is concerned that the roof of Unit 8 has been damaged during recent storms and that it will be expensive to repair. The tenant of Unit 8 is refusing to pay towards the repair costs.

(c) Examine the lease extracts and explain whether the tenant is obliged to repair the roof under the lease provisions.

(5 marks)

(Total: 15 marks)

# HM Land Registry

Application by purchaser for official search with priority of the whole of the land in a registered title or a pending first registration application

# **OS1**

Use one form per title.	HM LAND REGISTRY USE ONLY	
Any parts of the form that are not typed should be completed in black ink and in block capitals.	Record of fees paid	
If you need more room than is provided for in a panel, and your software allows, you can expand any panel in the form. Alternatively use continuation sheet CS and attach it to this form.	Particulars of under/over payments	
HM Land Registry is unable to give legal advice, but you can find guidance on HM Land Registry applications (including our practice guides for conveyancers) at <u>www.gov.uk/land-registry</u> .		
Conveyancer is a term used in this form. It is defined in rule 217A, Land Registration Rules 2003 and includes persons authorised under the Legal Services Act 2007 to provide reserved legal services relating to land registration and includes solicitors and licensed conveyancers.	Reference number Fees debited £	
For information on how HM Land Registry processes your personal information, see our <u>Personal Information Charter</u> .		

Where there is more than one local authority serving an area, enter the one	1	1 Local authority serving the property:	
to which council tax or business rates are normally paid.		TRELFORD	
Enter the title number of the registered estate or that allotted to the pending first registration.	2	Title number of the property: BT553198	
Insert address including postcode (if any) or other description of the property, for example 'land adjoining 2 Acacia Avenue'.	3	Property: Flat 42 Ramsden Court Dayton Hartsh	ire AT21 9OL
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		SURNAME/COMPANY NAME: Breen	
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