



ZIMBABWE EZEKIEL GUTI UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF LAW

EXAMINATION PAPER

COURSE CODE : LLB 112  
COURSE TITLE : Introduction to Law  
DURATION : 3 Hours  
LEVEL : 1.1  
DATE :

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer **all** questions from **section A** and any **two (2)** questions from **Section B**.
2. Notes, handouts and textbooks are not allowed into the examination.
3. Begin each answer to a full question on a fresh page.
4. You are required, to write legibly.
5. You are directed to avoid using short hand and poor grammar.
6. During the course of your answers you must refer to any relevant case law, legal principles and legislation that may be applicable.
7. No cellphones are allowed into the examination room as well as all data storing devices. Failure to comply will lead to automatic disqualification.

**SECTION A**

**QUESTION 1**

With reference to relevant sources of law, explain the meaning of the following terms:

- (a) Ratio decidendi (5)
- (b) Obiter dictum (5)
- (c) Legal personality (5)
- (d) Stare decisis (5)
- (e) Custom (5)

**[Total: 25 marks]**

**QUESTION 2**

(a) Discuss the differences between civil law and criminal law (15)

(b) Explain how disagreements between the Senate and the National Assembly with regards to the passing of bills are dealt with in terms of the law. (10)

**[Total: 25 marks]**

**SECTION B.**

**QUESTION 3**

Explain why it is necessary to have a system of legal aid in Zimbabwe. [25 marks]

**QUESTION 4**

To what extent does Zimbabwe's constitution uphold the principle of separation of powers? [25 marks]

**QUESTION 5**

Discuss the structure of civil courts in Zimbabwe with specific reference to their jurisdiction. [25 marks]

**[TOTAL: 100 MARKS]**

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