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**EXAMINATION PAPER**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. This paper contains 7 Questions.
2. Answer Any 4 questions.
3. Each Question carries 25 Marks.
4. Start each question on a new page.
5. This paper consists of THREE (3) pages.
6. Number of marks for part questions are shown in brackets.

### QUESTION 1

Discuss the desirable attributes and attitude of prosecutors in the context of the following statement:-

**“The object of the criminal justice system is to achieve justice.”** 25 marks

### QUESTION 2

a) Discuss the independence of the legal profession (including the judiciary and State counsel and its importance to both the profession and the public.

15 marks

b) Identify and explain the provisions of the Legal Practitioners Act [Chapter 27:07] that underpin the independence of registered legal practitioners.

10 marks

### QUESTION 3

a) What is the rationale for the prohibition against touting, advertising and tendering to provide legal services by legal practitioners? 15 marks

b) So may a legal practitioner market his/her services? 10 marks

### QUESTION 4

“Integrity is the fundamental quality of any person who seeks to practice as a member of the legal profession”. Canadian Bar Association Code of Conduct.

Discuss integrity as the overarching attribute of professional ethics for legal practitioners. 25 marks

### QUESTION 5

- a) What are trust funds held by a law firm?
- b) How soon must trust money be deposited with a law firm's bank?
- c) In what event is a legal practitioner obliged to pay out trust monies?
- d) How often is a law firm obliged to extract a list of credit balances in respect trust accounts?
- e) How soon must a legal practitioner account to a client? 25 marks

### QUESTION 6

***“By knowing the conduct required of him or her as a member of the profession and acting according to it, the legal practitioner begins to know himself or herself as a member of the honourable profession proud to espouse its values in all his or her dealings with the public, courts, colleagues and staff.”***

Per Mr Justice L. Malaba, DCJ (as he then was) : Foreword to 'Ethics, The Legal Profession and Practice Management' by P.T. Gambe 25 marks

### QUESTION 7

- a) Identify and outline any three provisions of the Legal Practitioners Act [Chapter 27:07], and any three provisions of the Law Society of Zimbabwe By-Laws, 1982, that are designed to safeguard trust funds. 15 marks
- b) Outline the circumstances in which the Master of the High Court may appoint a *curator bonis* upon an application by a person having an interest in a trust account. 10 marks