

ZIMBABWE EZEKIEL GUTI UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF LAW

Department of Public Law

Communication Skills for Lawyers LLB101

Examination

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Instructions

- (i) Answer **all** questions from section A
- (ii) Answer two questions from section B.
- (iii) Each question carries 25 marks.
- (iv) Number your answers accordingly

NB: DO NOT TURN OVER THE QUESTION PAPER OR COMMENCE WRITING UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

Section A

Question 1

What is the referencing style recommended at the Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University Faculty of law? [2 marks]

With the aid of examples illustrate how to reference the following using the recommended referencing style:

- a) A book by one author
- b) A book by more than two authors
- c) A journal article
- d) A court case
- e) An edited book
- f) A chapter in a book
- g) Human rights instruments [23 marks]

Question 2

Read the letter below and answer the question that follows

Dear Both

Re: 19101 Barassie Road Off Shamva Road Bindura

Further to previous correspondence on the matter, we now enclose herewith the enquiries and fixtures and fittings list, to be duly completed by yourselves and returned, forthwith, to this office. As regards title to the property. It is registered at the Deeds Registry with absolute freehold title. You will observe from the Land Registry plan that there is a small area of land, colored pink, and within that land there is a water main and I am enclosing a copy of a Deed of Grant dated 10th May 2018 which gave the right to the then Water board to lay and maintain a water pipeline through that land. Therefore the Water company have a legal easement, which means the main can remain there. It follows from that, if the Water Main ever needs to be repaired then the water company has the right to enter the land in order to maintain and repair the said pipe. They would have to cause as little damage as possible and put right any damage caused afterwards, in so far as such is possible.

You should contact this office if there are any difficulties arising from this letter.

This is to keep you informed.

Yours faithfully,
Ashley

Redraft this letter [25 marks]

Section B

Answer two questions from this section

Question 3

“Because listening is twice as hard as talking, we were given two ears but only one mouth’ Kline, J (1996). Discuss the above assertion particularly focusing on the challenges of listening and how one can be an effective listener. [25 marks]

Question 4

“Action speaks louder than words.” Discuss this statement and highlight challenges that may be presented by non-verbal communication in the field of law (25 marks]

Question 5

The Dutch Embassy intends to fund access to justice programmes in Zimbabwe. Before they commit their resources, they have requested an opinion on the hierarchy of courts in Zimbabwe. This opinion will enable them to determine how the funds can be utilized. Draft an opinion in this matter. [25 marks]

Question 6

You want to relay information to a group of people in Mt Darwin rural on the legal system in Zimbabwe.

- a) Identify the type of communication you would choose. Justify your choice
- b) Summarize the contents of that communication. Your summary must not be more than a thousand words or one page. [25 marks]

End of the paper