



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** :

**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) Dual legal system (5)
- (d) General custom (5)
- (e) Legislation (5)

**[Total 25 marks]**

**QUESTION 2**

(a) Discuss the differences between the natural theory of law and the positivist theory of 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**

Assess the importance of having a system of legal aid in Zimbabwe. [25 marks]

**QUESTION 4**

“Zimbabwe’s constitution clearly provides for the principle of separation of powers in the law-making process” Discuss. [25 marks]

**QUESTION 5**

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