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2020_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PPL 521

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL DRAFTING AND CONVEYANCING LAW

TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ hrs

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS IN ALL

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

Question 1 carries 25 marks, each other question carries 15marks. Total=70marks

1. In computation of time there is the problem of whether to reckon exclusively or inclusively the stated date or dates in legal document. One technical area in drafting is the issue of time. A draftsman must know when stated period begins and expires. Expressions and words relating to time must be used carefully to convey the appropriate intention. Also, there are rules and techniques of drafting which every draftsman must learn and have at heart when drafting a legal document. Critically examine the following words relating to time indicating whether it is to be exclusively or inclusively reckon with in a legal document:

- i. ON,
- ii. FROM,
- iii. AT,
- iv. AFTER,
- v. TO,
- vi. TILL OR UNTIL,
- vii. AT THE EXPIRATION OF,
- viii. DAY,
- ix. CLEAR DAY
- x. WORKING DAY

2. Drafting does not depend on aptitude and experience alone, but has its rules which can be explained and learned by any person of reasonable intelligence. Critically examine this statement

3a i. What is letter writing?

ii. State the types

b. Explain the following:

- i. Formal letter
- ii. Importance of letter writing
- iii. Format of a Formal letter

4. Examine the following rules of interpretation of statutes

- i. Purposive Approach
- ii. Ut Res Megis Valet Quam Pereat.

5. Highlights the points to note when drafting a Will.

6a. The onus always lies on the propounder of a will to satisfy the court that the document is the last Will of a free and capable testator. Critically examine what Positive Affirmative Evidence requires in proving the testator's sound disposing mind in a Will.

6b. Explain the following terms under a Will:

- i. Insane Delusion
- ii. Doctrine of Ademption