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**2021\_2 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE TITLE: LEGAL METHODS I**

**COURSE CODE: JIL 111**

**SEMESTER: 2021\_2**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER THREE (3) QUESTIONS  
QUESTIONS ONE (1) IS COMPULSORY AND CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25)  
MARKS, WHILE OTHER QUESTIONS CARRY FIFTEEN (15) MARKS EACH**

**QUESTION 1:**

Unuku is a lawless society; the people of Unuku have suffered unjustly and indiscriminately in the hands of other members of the community. There has been flagrant disobedience and abuse of the rules and regulations set down by the elders. Many members are unwilling to conform to the established mode of behaviour. As such, the behaviour of the members of the society has become unpredictable. People now engage in killing or injuring their neighbours, commit crimes with impunity. The elders are afraid that if this is allowed to continue, there will be a state of anarchy. As such, the elders have come to you, as a member of Unuku society and a law student, to advise on the need to fashion laws to regulate people's rights and obligations in the society. **15 marks**

- i. What is the importance of law? (5 marks)**
- ii. Discuss the advantages of law. (12 ½ marks)**
- iii. Discuss the disadvantages of law. (12 ½ marks) Total: 25 marks**

2. The importance of language in any given situation cannot be over emphasised, it is the chief medium of communication and thought.... Words are in a very special way, tools of a lawyers trade? It has been said that words are to lawyers, what the scalpel and insulin are to a doctor or a theodolite and slide ruler to the civil engineer. Discuss (15marks).
3. Under the various methods of interpretation, particularly the referential approach, the literal and plain meaning rules has priority over others. Discuss (15 marks)
4. Discuss any three (3) out of the five chief forms of subordinate legislation.15 marks
5. Explain your understanding of the drafting process, listing out the five stages of same. 15 marks
6. Discuss judicial perspective of law. (15 marks)