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Section 1: Practice Questions

Question 1 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Matthew) makes a valid CPR Part 36 settlement offer to the defendant (James) of £120,000. The defendant rejects the offer. The case goes to trial, and the claimant wins, obtaining judgment of £138,000. What is the primary costs consequence under Part 36?

- A:** The claimant must pay the defendant's costs on the indemnity basis.
- B:** The defendant must pay the claimant's costs on the indemnity basis, plus interest on those costs, from the expiry of the relevant offer period.
- C:** The court will split the trial costs equally between both parties.
- D:** All costs recovery is capped at the Small Claims Track limit.
- E:** The defendant is immune to costs penalties because they defended the claim in good faith.

Question 2 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

A shopkeeper (Ian) places a vintage watch in the shop window with a price tag of £7,500. A customer (Katelyn) enters the shop, places the cash on the counter, and demands to buy the item. The shopkeeper refuses to sell it. Is there a binding contract?

- A:** Yes, because placing the item in the window was a unilateral offer that was accepted by the customer's cash payment.
- B:** No, because the display of goods in a shop window is an invitation to treat, not an offer. Refusing to sell does not breach any contract (*Fisher v Bell*).
- C:** Yes, because consumer protection laws force retailers to sell all displayed items automatically.
- D:** No, because contracts for sales in shops require a written signed document.
- E:** Yes, because the shopkeeper was silent when the customer entered, constituting acceptance.

Question 3 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

A seller (Oliver) negligently makes a false statement of fact regarding the turnover of a business to a buyer (Thomas), inducing them to buy it. The buyer subsequently discovers the fraud. Which of the following describes the remedies available under the Misrepresentation Act 1967?

- A:** The contract is automatically void, and the seller must be prosecuted criminally.
- B:** Rescission of the contract and/or damages under Section 2(1) of the Act.
- C:** The buyer can only recover damages and has no right to rescind the contract under any circumstances.
- D:** The contract is binding, and no remedy is available since the buyer should have checked the accounts (*caveat emptor*).
- E:** The seller is required to perform specific performance of the turnover projection.

Question 4 — [FLK1 / Tort Law]

An employee of Zephyr Services LLP negligently injures a customer (Olivia) while driving a company delivery van to make a scheduled delivery. The customer sues Zephyr Services LLP. What is the legal doctrine that allows the employer to be held liable, and what is the test?

- A: Res Ipsa Loquitur; requires showing the van was in a defective condition.
- B: Vicarious liability; requires showing that the employee committed a tort in the course of their employment.
- C: Strict liability; requires showing the employer acted with malicious intent.
- D: Privity of liability; requires a signed agreement between the employer and the customer.
- E: Contributory liability; requires allocating the claim to the Multi-Track.

Question 5 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

A builder (Samuel) contractually agreed to construct a wall for a customer (Liam) for £5,000. Halfway through the job, the builder states they cannot finish unless the customer pays an extra £1,000. The customer agrees. After completion, the customer refuses to pay the extra £1,000. Under *Williams v Roffey Bros*, is the promise to pay the extra £1,000 binding?

- A: No, because performing an existing contractual duty can never be good consideration.
- B: Yes, if the customer obtained a practical benefit (such as avoiding a penalty clause to a third party) and there was no economic duress.
- C: No, because a promise to pay more must be approved by the County Court under CPR regulations.
- D: Yes, because oral contracts are automatically binding regardless of consideration.
- E: No, because it violates Section 52 of the Law of Property Act 1925.

Question 6 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Victor) has applied for summary judgment against a defendant (Lucas) under CPR Part 24. What is the test that the court must apply to determine whether summary judgment should be granted?

- A: The claimant must prove the case beyond all reasonable doubt.
- B: The defendant has no real prospect of successfully defending the claim, and there is no other compelling reason why the case should be disposed of at trial.
- C: The value of the claim must be less than £10,000.
- D: The defendant has failed to acknowledge service of the claim form within 14 days.
- E: The dispute involves questions of international law.

Question 7 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Alice) makes a valid CPR Part 36 settlement offer to the defendant (Nathan) of £120,000. The defendant rejects the offer. The case goes to trial, and the claimant wins, obtaining judgment of £138,000. What is the primary costs consequence under Part 36?

- A: The claimant must pay the defendant's costs on the indemnity basis.
- B: The defendant must pay the claimant's costs on the indemnity basis, plus interest on those costs, from the expiry of the relevant offer period.
- C: The court will split the trial costs equally between both parties.
- D: All costs recovery is capped at the Small Claims Track limit.
- E: The defendant is immune to costs penalties because they defended the claim in good faith.

Question 8 — [FLK1 / Business Law and Practice]

The directors of Summit Logistics Ltd wish to allot new ordinary shares for cash. The company's articles do not exclude pre-emption rights. Which of the following resolutions of the shareholders is required to disapply the statutory pre-emption rights under the Companies Act 2006?

- A: An ordinary resolution with a simple majority (over 50%).
- B: A special resolution with a 75% majority of votes cast.
- C: A written resolution signed by 100% of the shareholders.
- D: An extraordinary resolution requiring a 90% majority.
- E: No resolution is required; the directors can disapply pre-emption rights by a board resolution.

Question 9 — [FLK1 / Tort Law]

An employee of Atlas Transport Ltd negligently injures a customer (Harry) while driving a company delivery van to make a scheduled delivery. The customer sues Atlas Transport Ltd. What is the legal doctrine that allows the employer to be held liable, and what is the test?

- A: Res Ipsa Loquitur; requires showing the van was in a defective condition.
- B: Vicarious liability; requires showing that the employee committed a tort in the course of their employment.
- C: Strict liability; requires showing the employer acted with malicious intent.
- D: Privity of liability; requires a signed agreement between the employer and the customer.
- E: Contributory liability; requires allocating the claim to the Multi-Track.

Question 10 — [FLK1 / Business Law and Practice]

Prior to the formal incorporation of Zephyr Services LLP, a promoter (Frank) signed a contract 'on behalf of the company' to purchase machinery from a supplier. The company is now incorporated. Which of the following best describes the liability of Frank and the company on this pre-incorporation contract?

- A: The company is automatically bound by the contract upon incorporation, and the promoter is released.
- B: The contract is completely void and unenforceable by any party.
- C: The promoter is personally liable and entitled under the contract, subject to any agreement to the contrary, under Section 51 of the Companies Act 2006.
- D: The company and the promoter are jointly and severally liable automatically.
- E: The company can unilaterally ratify the contract without the supplier's agreement.

Question 11 — [FLK1 / Tort Law]

A driver (Rose) crashes into a pedestrian (Matthew) who is crossing the street, causing physical injuries. To establish negligence, the claimant must show that the defendant owed them a duty of care. How does the court establish if a duty of care exists for physical damage caused by positive actions?

- A: By applying the three-stage Caparo test including fair, just, and reasonable criteria in every case.
- B: By finding that the case falls within an established duty category (such as road users to other road users) where a duty is automatically owed (Robinson v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire).
- C: By checking if the defendant signed a voluntary duty registration form.
- D: By proving the defendant intended to cause physical harm.
- E: By allocating the claim to the Fast Track under CPR guidelines.

Question 12 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

A shopkeeper (Bob) places a vintage watch in the shop window with a price tag of £220,000. A customer (Yasmine) enters the shop, places the cash on the counter, and demands to buy the item. The shopkeeper refuses to sell it. Is there a binding contract?

- A:** Yes, because placing the item in the window was a unilateral offer that was accepted by the customer's cash payment.
- B:** No, because the display of goods in a shop window is an invitation to treat, not an offer. Refusing to sell does not breach any contract (*Fisher v Bell*).
- C:** Yes, because consumer protection laws force retailers to sell all displayed items automatically.
- D:** No, because contracts for sales in shops require a written signed document.
- E:** Yes, because the shopkeeper was silent when the customer entered, constituting acceptance.

Question 13 — [FLK1 / Tort Law]

A customer (Laura) is walking down a warehouse aisle when a heavy crate falls from a high shelf and injures them. The claimant has no evidence of what exactly caused the crate to fall. Can the claimant rely on the doctrine of 'Res Ipsa Loquitur'?

- A:** No, because the claimant must prove the exact negligent act to bring a claim.
- B:** Yes, if the thing causing the accident was under the sole control of the defendant, and the accident is one that does not occur in the ordinary course of things without negligence.
- C:** No, because Res Ipsa Loquitur only applies to breach of contract claims.
- D:** Yes, but the claimant's damages are automatically capped at £10,000.
- E:** No, unless the defendant has already been convicted in a criminal court.

Question 14 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Grace) has brought an action against a defendant (Nora) in the County Court for breach of contract, claiming £12,000 in damages. The defendant has filed a defense. In accordance with the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR), which track will this claim be allocated to?

- A:** Small Claims Track
- B:** Fast Track
- C:** Intermediate Track
- D:** Multi-Track
- E:** Commercial Court Track

Question 15 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Charlie) has applied for summary judgment against a defendant (Thomas) under CPR Part 24. What is the test that the court must apply to determine whether summary judgment should be granted?

- A:** The claimant must prove the case beyond all reasonable doubt.
- B:** The defendant has no real prospect of successfully defending the claim, and there is no other compelling reason why the case should be disposed of at trial.
- C:** The value of the claim must be less than £10,000.
- D:** The defendant has failed to acknowledge service of the claim form within 14 days.
- E:** The dispute involves questions of international law.

Question 16 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Quinn) has applied for summary judgment against a defendant (Yasmine) under CPR Part 24. What is the test that the court must apply to determine whether summary judgment should be granted?

- A: The claimant must prove the case beyond all reasonable doubt.
- B: The defendant has no real prospect of successfully defending the claim, and there is no other compelling reason why the case should be disposed of at trial.
- C: The value of the claim must be less than £10,000.
- D: The defendant has failed to acknowledge service of the claim form within 14 days.
- E: The dispute involves questions of international law.

Question 17 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Mia) has applied for summary judgment against a defendant (Zachary) under CPR Part 24. What is the test that the court must apply to determine whether summary judgment should be granted?

- A: The claimant must prove the case beyond all reasonable doubt.
- B: The defendant has no real prospect of successfully defending the claim, and there is no other compelling reason why the case should be disposed of at trial.
- C: The value of the claim must be less than £10,000.
- D: The defendant has failed to acknowledge service of the claim form within 14 days.
- E: The dispute involves questions of international law.

Question 18 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (David) has brought an action against a defendant (Henry) in the County Court for breach of contract, claiming £5,000 in damages. The defendant has filed a defense. In accordance with the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR), which track will this claim be allocated to?

- A: Small Claims Track
- B: Fast Track
- C: Intermediate Track
- D: Multi-Track
- E: Commercial Court Track

Question 19 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Caleb) has brought an action against a defendant (Nora) in the County Court for breach of contract, claiming £500,000 in damages. The defendant has filed a defense. In accordance with the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR), which track will this claim be allocated to?

- A: Small Claims Track
- B: Fast Track
- C: Intermediate Track
- D: Multi-Track
- E: Commercial Court Track

Question 20 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Victor) has applied for summary judgment against a defendant (Fiona) under CPR Part 24. What is the test that the court must apply to determine whether summary judgment should be granted?

- A:** The claimant must prove the case beyond all reasonable doubt.
- B:** The defendant has no real prospect of successfully defending the claim, and there is no other compelling reason why the case should be disposed of at trial.
- C:** The value of the claim must be less than £10,000.
- D:** The defendant has failed to acknowledge service of the claim form within 14 days.
- E:** The dispute involves questions of international law.

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