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Section 1: Practice Questions

Question 1 — [FLK1 / Tort Law]

A driver (Olivia) crashes into a pedestrian (Katelyn) 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 2 — [FLK1 / Tort Law]

A claimant was injured when a defendant (Daniel), who was engaged in delivering expired pharmaceuticals, caused an accident. The defendant admits they owed the claimant a duty of care and breached it, but argues that the claimant's own negligence contributed to the injury. Under the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Act 1945, what is the legal effect of contributory negligence?

- A:** It acts as a complete defense, and the claimant receives no damages.
- B:** It reduces the claimant's damages to the extent that is just and equitable, reflecting the claimant's share of responsibility.
- C:** It has no effect on damages but requires the claimant to pay the defendant's legal costs.
- D:** It shifts the burden of proof to the claimant to show that they took all reasonable precautions.
- E:** It renders the claim null and void, requiring allocation to criminal arbitration.

Question 3 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Kate) makes a valid CPR Part 36 settlement offer to the defendant (Mia) of £22,000. The defendant rejects the offer. The case goes to trial, and the claimant wins, obtaining judgment of £25,299. 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 4 — [FLK1 / Tort Law]

A customer (Matthew) 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 5 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A business wants to apply for an interim injunction to prevent a competitor (Charlotte) from using its trade secrets. According to the guidelines in *American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd*, what is the first question the court must consider?

- A:** Whether the applicant is willing to pay the court fees.
- B:** Whether there is a serious question to be tried.
- C:** Whether the defendant has a criminal record.
- D:** Whether damages would be an adequate remedy for either party.
- E:** Whether the trial can be completed within 6 months.

Question 6 — [FLK1 / Tort Law]

A claimant was injured when a defendant (Harry), who was engaged in failing to secure scaffolding, caused an accident. The defendant admits they owed the claimant a duty of care and breached it, but argues that the claimant's own negligence contributed to the injury. Under the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Act 1945, what is the legal effect of contributory negligence?

- A:** It acts as a complete defense, and the claimant receives no damages.
- B:** It reduces the claimant's damages to the extent that is just and equitable, reflecting the claimant's share of responsibility.
- C:** It has no effect on damages but requires the claimant to pay the defendant's legal costs.
- D:** It shifts the burden of proof to the claimant to show that they took all reasonable precautions.
- E:** It renders the claim null and void, requiring allocation to criminal arbitration.

Question 7 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

Samuel offered to sell a vintage watch to Fiona for £500. Fiona replied: 'I accept your offer, but I will pay £450.' Samuel did not respond. Two days later, Fiona wrote to Samuel saying: 'I accept your original offer of £500.' Is there a binding contract between Samuel and Fiona?

- A:** Yes, because the second letter constituted a valid acceptance of the original offer.
- B:** Yes, because the original offer remained open and had not been revoked by the offeror.
- C:** No, because the counter-offer of the lower price killed the original offer, meaning it could no longer be accepted.
- D:** No, because a contract for sale of goods must be made in writing signed by both parties.
- E:** Yes, because the offeror's silence on the counter-offer constituted acceptance of the lower price.

Question 8 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Charlie) has brought an action against a defendant (Liam) in the County Court for breach of contract, claiming £120,000 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 9 — [FLK1 / Tort Law]

A driver (Charlotte) crashes into a pedestrian (Philip) 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 10 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Katelyn) has applied for summary judgment against a defendant (William) 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 11 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

Uma offered to sell a piece of machinery to Benjamin for £500. Benjamin replied: 'I accept your offer, but I will pay £450.' Uma did not respond. Two days later, Benjamin wrote to Uma saying: 'I accept your original offer of £500.' Is there a binding contract between Uma and Benjamin?

- A: Yes, because the second letter constituted a valid acceptance of the original offer.
- B: Yes, because the original offer remained open and had not been revoked by the offeror.
- C: No, because the counter-offer of the lower price killed the original offer, meaning it could no longer be accepted.
- D: No, because a contract for sale of goods must be made in writing signed by both parties.
- E: Yes, because the offeror's silence on the counter-offer constituted acceptance of the lower price.

Question 12 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A business wants to apply for an interim injunction to prevent a competitor (Rose) from using its trade secrets. According to the guidelines in *American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd*, what is the first question the court must consider?

- A: Whether the applicant is willing to pay the court fees.
- B: Whether there is a serious question to be tried.
- C: Whether the defendant has a criminal record.
- D: Whether damages would be an adequate remedy for either party.
- E: Whether the trial can be completed within 6 months.

Question 13 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Charlotte) has applied for summary judgment against a defendant (Beatrice) 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 14 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

A builder (Sophia) contractually agreed to construct a wall for a customer (Isabella) 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 15 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

A shopkeeper (Xavier) places a vintage watch in the shop window with a price tag of £22,000. A customer (Nathan) 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 16 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

A shopkeeper (Frank) places a laptop in the shop window with a price tag of £220,000. A customer (Rose) 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 17 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

A seller (Arthur) negligently makes a false statement of fact regarding the turnover of a business to a buyer (Victoria), 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 18 — [FLK1 / Dispute Resolution]

A claimant (Xavier) makes a valid CPR Part 36 settlement offer to the defendant (Thomas) of £5,000. The defendant rejects the offer. The case goes to trial, and the claimant wins, obtaining judgment of £5,750. 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 19 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

A builder (Arthur) contractually agreed to construct a wall for a customer (Laura) 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 20 — [FLK1 / Contract Law]

Charlie offered to sell a delivery van to Harry for £20,000. Harry replied: 'I accept your offer, but I will pay £18,000.' Charlie did not respond. Two days later, Harry wrote to Charlie saying: 'I accept your original offer of £20,000.' Is there a binding contract between Charlie and Harry?

- A:** Yes, because the second letter constituted a valid acceptance of the original offer.
- B:** Yes, because the original offer remained open and had not been revoked by the offeror.
- C:** No, because the counter-offer of the lower price killed the original offer, meaning it could no longer be accepted.
- D:** No, because a contract for sale of goods must be made in writing signed by both parties.
- E:** Yes, because the offeror's silence on the counter-offer constituted acceptance of the lower price.

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