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JDP SCHOOL OF LAW
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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

LAW 101: INTRODUCTION TO LAW

Important Instructions to Students:

1. Read the questions, instructions carefully and answer the questions.
2. You are allowed an **extra 10 minutes reading time** (during this time, you are not allowed to write) and **180 minutes (3 Hours) to complete this paper**.
3. All kinds of electronic gadgets (including smart phones, mobiles, tablets etc.) are strictly prohibited.
4. Write all your answers in the answer booklet provided. If you need extra sheets, please ask from the supervisor. Write your name, course code and student identification number in the answer booklet and in the attendance sheet.
5. **This Final Course Examination Paper is worth 60 marks.** Students must **score at least 30 marks** in this final exam to pass the course.
6. This paper contains **THREE (3)** sections. All sections are compulsory.
7. Write all your answers legibly. The marker has the right to award zero for answers that are not legible.
8. This is a **CLOSED BOOK EXAMINATION**.
9. The University views plagiarism, cheating and dishonest practice as serious offences and if found, offenders are penalized.

Examination Paper Content (Format):

<u>Section</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Suggested Time</u>
A	1	Definitions- Answer any five (5) parts	10	30 minutes
B	2	Short Answer Questions. All parts are compulsory.	20	60 minutes
C	3- 6	Long Answer Questions. Answer any three (3) questions only.	30	90 minutes
		TOTAL	60	180 Minutes

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SECTION A: Definitions.

Question 1

Define ANY FIVE (5) of the following terms and provide examples. Each part is worth 2 marks.

- i. Legislation
- ii. Mischief Rule of interpretation
- iii. Utilitarianism
- iv. International law
- v. Prosecution
- vi. Plaintiff
- vii. Executive
- viii. Ethics

[10 marks]

SECTION B: Short answer questions.

You must answer ALL of the following questions.

Question 2

- i) Identify any two of the four main bodies established or empowered by the Legal Practitioners Act (2009) and briefly describe the primary function of each. (4 marks)
- ii) Outline the requirements to change the 2013 Fiji Constitution and the relevant provisions of the Constitution dealing with this issue. (4 marks)
- iii) What is a youth offender according to the Juvenile Act 1973 and provide two restrictions on the punishments of these offenders? (4 marks)
- iv) Explain what is Alternative Dispute Resolution and give two differences between Negotiation and Mediation. (4 marks)
- v) Discuss two sources of law and provide examples. (4 marks)

[20 marks]

SECTION C: Long answer questions.

Answer ANY THREE (3) questions from the following.

Question 3

“The doctrine of the Separation of Powers is a system of checks and balances”. Critically evaluate this statement with reference to the 2013 Constitution of the Republic of Fiji. In your answer, discuss the following with examples.

- i. What is the doctrine of separation of powers. (2 marks)
- ii. Independence of the Judiciary under Chapter 5. (4 marks)
- iii. The relationship between the Executive (Prime Minister and Cabinet) and the Legislature (Parliament). (4 marks)

[10 marks]

Question 4

- i) Discuss the overall process of making laws by the Parliament of Fiji under the 2013 Constitution. (5 marks)
- ii) What is the legal process for challenging a new law? Which court has the jurisdiction to hear this matter, and what is the likely outcome if the law is found to be "inconsistent" with the Constitution? (5 marks)

[10 marks]

Question 5

Mr. Caleb, a private practitioner, received \$50,000 from a client for a property purchase. He deposited the funds into his personal savings account rather than a trust account, claiming he needed to "clear some urgent personal debts" and would replace the money before the settlement date. When the client discovered this and requested an update, Mr. Caleb became verbally abusive and refused to provide a statement of accounts. The client wishes to lodge a formal complaint.

- i. Discuss the powers of the ILSC commissioner to impose sanctions under Section 121 if Mr. Caleb is found guilty of professional misconduct. (5 marks)
- ii. Analyze the significance of Section 50, which restricts junior practitioners from appearing alone in higher courts. Does this protect the public interest, or does it create an unfair barrier to entry for young lawyers? (5 marks)

[10 marks]

Question 6

- i) Why is ADR important for lawyers and parties to a dispute? Outline and discuss 3 reasons. (5marks)
- ii) Discuss 3 type of cases or legal issues that ADR could be used to resolve. Provide examples. (5 marks)

[10 marks]

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