



SCHOOL OF LAW
NLLB100 ZIMBABWE LEGAL SYSTEM
END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3HRS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write legibly.
2. Answer **ALL** questions.
3. Refer to **RELEVANT** authorities to support your arguments.
4. You may start with any question.

QUESTION 1

a) Discuss legislation as a source of law in Zimbabwe. In your answer, you must identify and cite the 2 types of legislation, and explain their significance. **[10 Marks]**

b) Outline the process by which a Bill becomes law in Zimbabwe. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION 2

a) Write brief notes on the jurisdiction of the Constitutional Court of Zimbabwe. **[15 Marks]**

b) Your friend a lawyer in the United States of America is interested in knowing about the Zimbabwe Integrated Electronic Case Management System (IECMS). Explain to her about this system, and in so doing outline the pros and cons of such a system especially, with respect to people based in the rural areas. **[20 marks]**

c) Citing relevant Acts of Parliament, discuss the role of the following in the Zimbabwe legal justice system:

a. Legal Practitioners **[5 marks]**

b. Judges **[5 marks]**

c. Prosecutors **[5 marks]**

QUESTION 3

a) Discuss the different types of criminal trials which apply in the legal system of Zimbabwe. **[10 marks]**

b) For each of the following scenarios, state whether the case is criminal or civil in nature. Give two reasons in each instance for your answer. **[15 marks]**

3.1 Tinashe, the founder of a social media network heads the unlawful operation of releasing the users' data to third party companies for profit. The users decided to sue the social media network company as a result of this. The claim was to the value of \$850 000.

3.2 Anna has been married to Tom for 15 years and they have 3 children together. They decide to get a divorce as a result of Anna committing adultery. Tom issues summons and Anna disputes the settlement agreement.

3.3 Cindy attended a soccer match one day and met up with a classmate John to have

some lunch, John had too much to drink and attempted to sexually assault Cindy against her consent.

3.4 Neo got accepted into the chess team and Arnold did not, Arnold was jealous of Neo and punched him in the face outside the school property.

3.5 Jacob the father of baby Chito, is not awarded custody over him. He fetched him after school and never returned him to his mother Ruvarashe. Ruvarashe called the police and reported baby Chito missing.