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Assessor's instructions

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Notes for guidance

This assignment comprises the assessment for the underpinning knowledge requirements for Unit 203 Principles of criminal law.

The importance of safe working practices, the demands of the appropriate national and local Health and Safety legislation, associated regulations and Codes of Practice associated with the particular industry, must always be stressed. Candidates have responsibilities for maintaining the safety of others as well as their own. Anyone behaving in an unsafe fashion must be stopped and suitable warnings given. A candidate should never be allowed to continue working on an assignment if they have contravened these requirements. This may seem rather strict but, apart from the potentially unpleasant consequences, each candidate must acquire the habits required for the workplace.

The following notes for guidance are provided to assist assessors/tutors in planning the delivery of this assignment to candidates.

1 Location of assignment

Any suitable location in the workplace or learning environment.

2 Equipment/resources required for this assignment

- 2.1 No specific equipment or resources are required for this assignment although access to word processing and printer facilities would allow candidates to produce work more efficiently.
- 2.2 Candidates will need access to the 7462 Level 2 Legal Studies Assignment guide to complete this assignment.

3 Evidence and recording

- 3.1 All work produced by the candidate should be kept together. The candidate is required to put their name, their City & Guilds registration number, task number and the date on all pieces of work, either handwritten or typed, however they will not be penalised for not doing so.
- 3.2 Candidates will need to be able to organise their information clearly and coherently. Spelling, punctuation and grammar should be used with considerable accuracy and legal terminology applied where relevant.

4 Time considerations

- 4.1 This assignment should take no longer than three hours to complete, excluding research activities
- 4.2 A recommended period of seven days must have elapsed before an unsuccessful candidate can retake a task within this assignment. You should make the candidate aware of your programme's time frame and deadlines for completion of this assignment. Further training/feedback should be given to candidates before a task is retaken. Should a candidate be unsuccessful in more than one task, or a referred assignment, then a new assignment should be taken.

5 Additional information

- 5.1 Answers given in the marking and grading criteria are indicative of the type of answers candidates should give. They are **not** definitive.

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Outcomes

Task	Evidence	Outcome reference Underpinning Knowledge
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A set of three handouts on actus reus, mens rea and strict liability. 	1 – 1.1 1.2 1.3
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four information sheets dealing with murder, voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter. 	2 – 2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.5
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A set of brief notes identifying and summarising the offence alleged in the scenario. 	3 – 3.1
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter explaining what bail means, how it comes to an end, the court procedures and the meaning of mode of trial. 	4 – 4.1 4.3 4.4

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Assignment 7462-203

You are advised to read all instructions carefully before starting work. Check with your Assessor/Tutor, if necessary, to ensure that you have fully understood the process.

This assignment should take you no longer than three hours to complete, excluding research activities. You are required to work to the time frame and deadlines as set out by your Assessor/Tutor.

Introduction

This assignment is broken down into four tasks:

Task 1 requires you to produce a set of three handouts on actus reus, mens rea and strict liability.

Task 2 requires you to produce four information sheets dealing with murder, voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter.

Task 3 requires you to produce a set of notes identifying and summarising the offence alleged in the scenario.

Task 4 requires you to draft a letter explaining what bail means, how it comes to an end, the court procedures, the meaning of mode of trial and the factors to be taken into account when deciding it.

Note

- You will need access to the 7462 Level 2 Legal Studies Assignment guide to enable you to complete this assignment.
- You should read through the instructions for each task carefully before you start.
- Make sure you do **everything** you are asked to do in the instructions and other notes.
- When you have completed all the tasks, re-read the instructions again just before you proof read your work for the last time.
- Ensure your name, your City & Guilds registration number, task number and the date are on all documentation.
- At the conclusion of the task/assignment, hand all paperwork to your Assessor/Tutor.

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Scenario

You are working as a trainee legal assistant in the criminal department of the Birmingham offices of Ingram Lochee & Exton a firm of solicitors.

Task 1

Your principal Mrs Lochee is due to give a short talk to Year 11 students at their school in a few weeks' time on basic criminal liability as part of their citizenship GCSE.

She tells you that she will use a presentation but will want to have handouts to distribute to the students to make her talk interesting and has asked if you could prepare three handouts which explain each of the following:

- the principle of actus reus, including reference to omissions
- the term mens rea and will describe intention and recklessness
- the meaning and purpose of strict liability.

Mrs Lochee asks you to include at least one case to illustrate a point of law on each of the three handouts.

Task 2

As part of your training you are required to accompany Mrs Lochee to see clients in custody. She has asked you to prepare some simple fact sheets which will assist in explaining to clients certain aspects of homicide.

She would like each fact sheet to deal with a different aspect of fatal offences as follows:

- a) a chart showing the differences between murder, voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter
- b) a sheet showing cases which illustrate the operation of the defences of provocation and diminished responsibility
- c) a sheet showing cases which illustrate the two types of involuntary manslaughter.

Task 3

Mark, aged 23, was walking home late one night after watching a football match where his team lost. He passed a bus shelter and took a can of spray paint out of his pocket and painted "Rovers Rule!" on it. He then kicked in the side of the bus shelter causing extensive damage. The incident was witnessed by two passing police officers who arrested him and took him to the police station.

Mark is now seeking legal advice and Mrs Lochee has requested that you accompany her to visit him at the police station. Prepare some brief notes, for your own use, which summarise the alleged offence in light of the fact that the client alleges that the paint was water soluble and would wash off easily in the rain. Also make a note of how long Mark can be held without charge.

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Task 4

Mark has been bailed to appear before Birmingham Magistrates' Court. Write a letter to Mark that explains

- a) the meaning of bail and how it comes to an end
- b) mode of trial and three factors which Mark should consider when deciding which court should hear his case.

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Marking & grading criteria

(Not to be shown to candidates)

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I confirm that all work submitted is my own	
Signature:	
Date:	Pass / Merit / Distinction / Resit

Assessor name:	
Signature:	Date:

Internal Quality sampled by:	
Signature:	Date:

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