



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2020/2021

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS

LPR 102: LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 1

DATE: Wednesday, 17th March 2021

TIME: 12.00p.m-2.00p.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer ALL questions
2. Support your answer with relevant illustrations from case law, statutory provisions and any other references
3. Your writing must be **NEAT** and **LEGIBLE**.
4. Your answer booklet must bear your assigned **REGISTRATION NUMBER**, both on the cover and every written page therein.
5. Do not scribble or draft answers on the inner or outer cover pages or your answer booklet.
6. Do not write anything except your **REGISTRATION NUMBER** on this question paper.
7. All Kenyatta university Examinations rules apply as if they were contained herein.

Question One

- (a) Mbogaa is a legal intern at the Kiambu Law Courts; Ms. Jumwaa the Chief magistrate has assigned Mbogaa a case to prepare a case brief on. The magistrate will later decide whether or not the case will inform her judgement in a robbery with violence matter.

Discuss the components of case briefing which Mbogaa will consider in drafting a precise case brief for the magistrate. (15 marks)

- (b) "A good paragraph is paramount in effective academic writing"-HNM, 2020. Discuss the veracity of the above statement, and enlist what a good paragraph entails. (15 marks)

Question Two

Correct the following sentences, if they are incorrect, and explain why you have corrected or not corrected each sentence.

- (a) The shop that sells books that burnt down belongs to my father.
- (b) The girl that won the scholarship is in my class.
- (c) Kakamega County, mentioned herein has continued to record more and more cases of Covid-19 infections every day.
- (d) The judge gave both of the lawyers and the people concerned in the case a date when he would give his final verdict.
- (e) We learn not at the school but in life.
- (f) The lawyer had confusing prayers to the court, however he was guided to go and draft the prayers again.
- (g) The students who took part in the aforementioned strike were told to never step foot in the University.
- (h) The legislation is said to be passed by time.
- (i) The people working in the library have put a notice for student on the days and time that they can access the library.
- (j) It looked like their was no way out

(20 marks)

Question Three

Write brief notes on the following:

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| (a) Sources of law and how to access them | (5 marks) |
| (b) Qualities of good legal writing | (5 marks) |
| (c) Ethical issues in data collection | (5 marks) |
| (d) Components of a properly written reference in legal citation | (5 marks) |

Question 3

The 2002 rebranding of the Organization of African Union (OAU) to the African Union (AU) ushered in a new beginning for the African people, particularly in view of the fact that the OAU had been indicted for indifference to the conflicts bedeviling the Continent.

More than fifteen years later, peace and security have eluded the African peoples, who are also been confronted by new challenges such as climate change, terrorism, extreme poverty, corruption, hunger and migration.

In the context of international organizations, discuss the AU focusing on the mechanisms and procedures to address its effectiveness. (20 Marks)