Module Title: Law of Relationships
Level: Six
Time Allowed: Two hours

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number **not** your name on all answer books.
- Answer **all three** questions.
- All questions are equally weighted.

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Answer all three questions.

1. Becky is 21 years old and works in the student administration office at Waterfield College. Her job involves dealing with student and staff queries on a day to day basis and inputting student’s personal details and grades. She left home when she was just 18 in order to move in with Roger but has come to you for advice because she is on the point of leaving him after only 6 months together. During the interview she talks frankly about her sex life because she is worried that Roger might "make life difficult" for her when she leaves him, especially as his behaviour is becoming increasingly erratic.

Becky is especially worried about what Roger might do if he discovers that she is going out with Ismail. Ismail is aged 17 and is a student at Waterfield College. He met Becky at a night club and has been to see her at college on a few occasions for advice about his course.

Becky is also worried about what Roger might say about their past sexual relationship. After reading ’40 Shades of Blue’ she got the idea to bite hard on his shoulder and lip during sexual intercourse. Although this often caused bleeding (Roger had to see his doctor twice for medical treatment) they both enjoyed the sensation. Now Roger has started calling her "a pervert" during arguments, and has stated on several occasions that he now finds it disgusting, feels ashamed that he ever agreed to it and thinks that they should both "be punished".

Advise Becky.

2. Critically evaluate whether the rules and regulations concerning marriage formalities and capacity are in need of reform.

3. "There are an estimated 600,000 incidents of domestic violence each year. But at the same time, it is estimated that there are only 7,000 criminal prosecutions." Lord Falconer 2004

Critically analyse the legal response to domestic violence and assess how far it goes to protecting victims of domestic violence.