Summer Examinations 2016

LAW300716N

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** questions.
- All questions are equally weighted.

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Answer all 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 students 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. 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. By reference to the relevant statutory provisions and the appropriate case law, set out and explain the legal principles (not the procedure) on which a person can obtain a legal divorce. Then go on to outline and critically discuss any problems with the present divorce law regime, if any.

3. “The Law’s treatment of domestic violence is doomed to fail, given the patriarchal domination of the language, procedures and personnel of the legal process” (Herring, Family Law 2015)

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

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