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Law

Unit **B143**: Employment Rights and Responsibilities

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Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Tick
×	Cross
BOD	Benefit of doubt
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
REP	Repeat
{	Extendable vertical wavy line
^	Omission mark
LI	Level 1
L2	Level 2
L3	Level 3
Е	Expansion of a point
√ ₊	Development of point
VG	Vague
NAQ	Not answered question

C	uesti	ion	Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	1 (a)		Candidates will identify up to three of the following:	[3]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1
			Judges/Common lawParliamentEU.		1 mark for each correct source identified
			Credit any other relevant answer including examples.		
	(b)	(i)	Candidates will select the following:	[1]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2
			Albert - Display Screen Equipment (DSE) Regulations		1 mark for each correct area selected
		(ii)	Candidates will select the following:	[1]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2
			David – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Regulations		1 mark for each correct area selected
		(iii)	Candidates will select the following:	[1]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2
			Elena – Workplace(Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations		1 mark for each correct area selected
2	(a)		Candidates will identify and explain up to two of the following: • Asking for volunteers – this is fair because it	[4]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1 ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2
			 allows employees to choose to stop work Last in, first out – this is fair as it gives longer serving workers some protection Staff appraisal markings – this is fair as it allows the best workers to be retained based on their continued progress Skills, qualifications and experience – this is fair as a clear standard is applied which gives the 		1 mark for each correct reason identified and 1 mark for each explanation
			employer the best chance to make sure the business succeeds. Credit any other relevant answer		Credit will not be given to students who refer to disciplinary records as this is in the stem of the question.

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(b)	Candidates will identify and explain up to two points: Dolly Summary/dismissal on the spot Dolly has been harassing her colleague and fighting which is gross misconduct	[2]	2 marks – explains one relevant point with some elaboration 1 mark – makes any valid point 0 marks - no response or nothing worthy of credit
(ii)	 Candidates will identify and explain up to two points: Guy Wrongful Guy's editor has not followed the disciplinary procedure and the notice period is too short Or Unfair Any dismissal connected with trade union membership is automatically unfair. 	[2]	2 marks – explains one relevant point with some elaboration 1 mark – makes any valid point 0 marks - no response or nothing worthy of credit
(iii)	Vladimir Constructive Vladimir's boss is expecting him to travel further and take a demotion	[2]	2 marks – explains one relevant point with some elaboration 1 mark – makes any valid point 0 marks - no response or nothing worthy of credit
(c)	Candidates will state up to two of the following: (i) Reinstatement (ii) Compensation (iii) Reengagement	[2]	1 mark for each correct remedy selected (maximum 2 marks)

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(d)	Candidates will explain two of the following:	[6]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3
	An employee might have lied about their qualifications/issue of misconduct. This means they did not get the job fairly. They are earning money they		For <u>each</u> explanation: 3 marks – develops an explanation
	are not entitled to and could give the employer a bad reputation.		2 marks – explains one relevant point with some elaboration 1 mark – makes any valid point 0 marks - no response or nothing worthy of credit
	An employee might not be able to do their job even with training and support/issue of capability. This makes them incompetent. Employer must be able to protect himself, other workers and customers.		Credit should be given for both breadth and depth
	An employee might have long-term illness/issue of capability. There will come a point when it is not fair for the employer to have to keep them on. It costs too		L1-Point L2-Explanation L3-Example/Further explanation
	 An employee might be incompetent/issue of conduct. Because they will not follow workplace rules. This is unsafe to other employees and the employer 		Using examples attracts some credit Maximum 3 marks for each explanation
	needs to protect them.		(maximum 6 marks)
	An employee may be violent, dishonest or been repeatedly disciplined for bad behaviour/issue of gross misconduct. This is bad for other employees. It may also affect the reputation of the business.		
	An employee may no longer be needed because the business has failed or be close to failure or been restructured. It is unfair for the employer if he cannot change the business. This would prevent employers starting businesses		
	Credit any other relevant answer.		

Candidates will identify up to two of the following: Employment Rights Act 1996 2 months Candidates will identify up to two of the following: (maximum 2 marks)	mit
(b) Candidates will explain up to two points for each of the following: Economic reality: • This is the extent to which the employer bears a financial risk • An employee is likely to be provided with the equipment and materials to do the job Integration: • This is the extent to which an employee is part of an organisation • An employee is likely to have access to workplace benefits and a grievance procedure Control: • This is the extent to which the employer sets the tasks the employee must do and how they are done • An employee is likely to have strict procedures to follow and set hours when they work Mutuality of obligations: • This is the extent to which an employer must offer an employee work and whether they are expected to do it • An employee is likely to have to do the work the employer sets for the whole time whilst employed by the employer	and depth

Question	Answ	/er		Mark	Guidance
(c)	Candidates will identify the fo	ollowing:		[8]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2 1 mark for correct employment status selected
	Statement	Employed	Self- employed		(maximum 8 marks)
	Income tax is deducted before payment	✓			
	There is a right to statutory sick pay	✓			
	There is no requirement to take holidays at a particular time		✓		
	Rest breaks must be part of the working day	✓			
	The individual must always provide their own personal protective equipment.		✓		
	There is a right to be protected from unlawful discrimination.	✓			
	The individual decides how much to charge for the work that they do		√		
	There is a right to take maternity and paternity pay	✓			

C	uestion	Answer		Guidance
4	(a)	Candidates will state the meaning of each of the following: Victimisation: • An employee is treated less favourably because they have complained Harassment: • An employee is subjected to abuse, offensive language or intimidation Indirect discrimination: • An employee is part of a group that is unfairly disadvantaged by particular conditions	[3]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1 1 mark each for each correct definition (maximum 3 marks) Accept any of the following for indirect discrimination: • Where employer applies a policy, criteria or practice to everyone • But the PCP has a disproportionate effect on a particular group with a protected characteristic. • And the PCP is not a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim'.
4	(b)	Candidates will identify in the following order: Equal, Wages, salaries and pensions, Comparator	[3]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1 1 mark each for each correct answer (maximum 3 marks)
4	(c)	Candidates will identify and explain the following, giving a reason: This is discrimination based on religion or belief Although Samir feels he has suffered because he complained his boss has the right to refuse his request as it will affect the business Samir has not been discriminated against Credit any other relevant response.	[3]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2 1 mark for identifying the type of discrimination 1 mark for reasoning 1 mark for conclusion that unlikely to be discrimination (maximum 3 marks)

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4	(d)*	Candidates will discuss up to three of the following:	[9]	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3
		Protection against bullying and harassment: This means that workers are happier which is economically beneficial Workers feel that they can work together with a sense of common purpose and so are more productive.		Candidates will score as follows: L1-Identification of point/reason L2-Consideration of point from perspective of employer L3- Consideration of point from perspective of employee
		 Appointment and promotion based solely on merit: This gives the business the reputation of employing and promoting people based on an objective standard Workers feel that they can succeed and this can promote hard work through loyalty Fairness and justice in the workplace: This gives a business a good reputation so they attract workers who can make the business more profitable Workers spend a lot of time at work and will work better where they feel they are well treated 		 L3: 7-9 marks – points explained with good reasoning and with effective communication through discussion. The response is well organised, structured, with few errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling. L2: 4-6 marks – points made with some elaboration and adequate communication. The response is adequately organised, structured and with some errors of spelling, punctuation and grammar. L1: 1-3 marks – basic points made with basic communication. The response lacks organisation, structure and accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.
		 Equality in the workplace: This means that the employer will not need to spend money fighting claims made against them Workers feel valued and secure as they all have an equal chance of success 		0 marks – no response or no response worthy of credit
		Lack of stereotyping and prejudice:		Credit should be given for both breadth and depth
		This gives a business the chance to attract workers simply because they are the best for the job		Using examples attracts some credit
		Workers feel that if they have what is needed for the job that they will only be judged on those criteria		(maximum 9 marks)

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
	Harmony in the workplace/Happy working environment This means less disruption and more time spent maximising profits of the business. This makes a better environment so better attendance and less tension for workers, Credit any other relevant response.		

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