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ENGLISH LANGUAGE Legal English Terminology

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Exercise 1 (20 points)

| Read t | he text | below | and fill | in the | gaps | with the | e words | provided | in th | e |
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| box. | | | | | | | | | | |

| The term 'civil law' contrasts with both 'common law' and 'criminal law'. In the first | | | | | | | | |
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| sense of the term, Civil law refers to a body of law 1)written legal | | | | | | | | |
| codes derived | codes derived from fundamental normative principles. Legal 2) | | | | | | | |
| are settled by | reference to the | nis code, whic | h has been a | rrived at through | 1 | | | |
| 3) | Judges are | 4) | the writ | ten law and its | | | | |
| 5) | In contras | st, common la | w was origina | ally developed th | nrough | | | |
| 6) | , at a tim | ne before laws | s were writte | n down. Commo | n law is | | | |
| based on 7) | cr | eated by judic | ial decisions, | which means th | at past 8) are | | | |
| taken into con | sideration whe | en cases are d | ecided. It sho | ould be noted th | at today | | | |
| common law i | s also 9) | , i.e | . in written fo | orm. In the secor | nd sense of | | | |
| the term, civil | law is distingu | ished from cri | minal law, ar | nd refers to the b | ody of law | | | |
| dealing with 10) matters, such as breach of contract. | | | | | | | | |
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| based on | bound by | codified | custom | disputes | legislation | | | |
| non-criminal | precedents | provisions | rulings | | | | | |

Exercise 2 (30 points)

Read the text below and answer the following questions

Studying law in the UK

In the UK, a legal education usually begins with the completion of a bachelor degree in law, known as an LLB, which usually takes three years. In the subsequent vocational stage, a person who wishes to become a barrister joins one of the Inns of Court before beginning the Bar Vocational Course. The completion of this stage is marked by a ceremony referred to as the call to the Bar. A third stage, known as pupillage, is a year-long apprenticeship, usually at a set of barristers' chambers, which customarily consists of groups of 20–60 barristers. Similarly, a person wishing to become a solicitor must also complete three stages: the first stage involves gaining a law degree; the second stage requires passing a one-year Legal Practice Course (LPC); and the final stage entails working for two years as a trainee solicitor with a firm of solicitors or in the legal department of a local authority or large company.

Studying law in the USA

In the USA, a legal education comprises four years of undergraduate study followed by three years of **law school**. A law-school graduate receives the degree of **juris doctor** (**J.D.**). In order to qualify as a lawyer, a law-school graduate must pass the **bar examination**.

| 1. | What is the difference between a lawyer and a barrister within the legal system of English and Wales? |
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| 2. | What is the Bar and what is the equivalent of the Bar in your country of origin? |
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| 3. | What are the main differences of joining the Bar in the UK and the USA? |
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Exercise 3 (20 points)

Do you know your legal Latin? Read the following Latin expressions and provide a concise definition for each. Then use each expression in context by creating a sentence that contains it as per the example below.

Ex. Ultra vires: an action that exceeds the powers detailed by law.

The barrister acted ultra vires when he asked the Court to take the stand in order to discredit the witness for the Prosecution.

| De facto | | | |
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| Definition: | | | |
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| Example: | | | |
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| Ipso facto | | | |
| Definition: | | | |
| Example: | | | |
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| Pro forma | | | |
| Definition: | | | |
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| Example: | | | |
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| Pro rata | | | |
| Definition: | | | |
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| Example: | | | |
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Exercise 4 (30 points)

Choose to write on **one** of the topics:

1) Write a dialogue between a lawyer and a client. The client wants to open a small business in Greece. (Ms. Chionis' students)

OR

2) Your client is about to purchase a heavy piece of machinery for his business. This equipment will increase its production output by 10-fold. This is a second-hand machine, but is in very good condition. The asking price is 800,000 euros to be paid in two installments, the first consisting of 600,000 euros payable upon delivery and the second of 200,000 euros to be deposited in the buyer's bank account a week following the delivery of the machine.

Your client can only afford to pay 600,000 euros and he insists that the payment be made in two installments of 300,000 each. The first installment will be made on the same day of the delivery, upon approval of the inspector in charge of verifying the machine is in good condition and functions properly; the second payment

will be made a fortnight following the delivery of the machine to its new owner.

The two parties seem to disagree on the terms of the purchase, namely the amount, the method of payment, the payment schedule and the guarantees provided by both parties. They are, however, willing to negotiate the matter further.

Your represent the potential buyer. You draft a **letter of advice** to the seller's solicitor informing him/her of your client's wishes and of the possibilities for negotiation.

| Your letter or dialogue should not exceed 400 words. | | | | | |
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