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INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer all the questions in this section on insurance law.
- 2. Write clearly and legibly.
- 3. Leave a line open between each answer (for example, between questions 1.1 and 1.2).
- 4. Ensure the correct use of grammar and spelling.
- 5. Please note that this is an online examination and all University rules apply.

Insurance Law

Match the column: (5 marks)

Match the question/statement in column A to the most accurate answer/description in column B:

Column A	Column B
Kenny ensures his insurer that he will	Promissory Warranty
keep his vehicle in a road worthy	
condition for the duration of his motor	
vehicle policy	
Sean fails to inform his life insurer that	Non-disclosure
he has type 2 diabetes.	
Lindiwe is involved in a motor vehicle	Contribution
collision with Ruben, which she caused.	
Lindiwe is currently insured with two	
separate insurers for the same risk. She	
wants to claim the full amount of	
damages from both insurers. Which	
principle in insurance prevents her from	
doing so?	
Dustin insures his Macbook Air which	Under-insurance
has a value of R17 000 for R10 000.	
Lavish Insurers Ltd takes out insurance	Reinsurance
with Q-Insurers in order to make good	
its claims for its clients.	
	Over-insurance
	Subrogation
	Affirmative Warranty

Multiple Choice:

- Tina wants to take out motor vehicle insurance with Just-Insure Ltd. The insurer mentions that motor vehicle insurance falls under indemnity insurance and that it is different from non-indemnity insurance. Tina is slightly confused by this and requires the insurer to explain the difference between the two concepts. The following statements are correct with regard to the difference between the two concepts:
 - i. With non-indemnity insurance, principles such as contribution and subrogation are not applicable;
 - ii. With indemnity insurance, the insurable interest must exist at the time of the conclusion of the contract;
 - iii. With indemnity insurance, the insurer's liability is limited to the amount of damages actually incurred;

- iv. With non-indemnity insurance, the insurer's liability is based on agreement between the parties
- v. With non-indemnity insurance, the insurable interest must exist at the time of the loss or damage
- a) Only i, ii and iii are correct
- b) Only ii, iii and iv are correct
- c) Only i, iii and iv are correct
- d) Only i, iii and v are correct
- e) None of the above are correct
- 2. Karabo calls Just-Insure Ltd to take out household insurance for her home. The insurer asks Karabo multiple questions about the items in the home and the value thereof. Karabo answers the questions in good faith and as accurately as she can. With regard to the duty of disclosure by the insured, the following statements are incorrect:
- i. The insured is always under a continuing duty of good faith, even after the conclusion of the contract;
- ii. The insured must disclose all material information which is in the insured's knowledge;
- iii. The insured must answer all questions put to him truthfully;
- iv. The insured does not need to disclose information which is material if it is not directly asked of him by the insurer;
- v. The insured must disclose all information which would decrease the risk.
- a) Only i, iv and v are incorrect
- b) Only i, ii, iv and v are incorrect
- c) Only iii, iv and v are incorrect
- d) Only ii, iii and v are incorrect
- e) Only i, iii and v are incorrect
- 3. In terms of warranties, the following statements are correct:
- i. A warranty is based on representations made by the insured at the precontractual stage and are then inserted into the contract as continuous terms;
- ii. Breach of warranties do not allow the insurer the cancel the contract unless the representations made are material;
- iii. Affirmative warranties take the form of the insured warranting that a certain factual situation will be maintained after the conclusion of the contract;
- iv. An example of a promissory warranty is where the insured informs the insurer that he has never suffered from epileptic fits;
- v. Warranties are specific to indemnity insurance.
- a) Only i, iii and v are correct
- b) Only ii, iv and v are correct
- c) Only ii, iii and iv are correct
- d) Only i and ii are correct

e) Only i, ii and v are correct

Fill in the missing word:

- 1. In terms of an average clause, the parties agree that the insured will become his own [] for the percentage of the damages of loss in respect of which he is under-insured.
- Danny takes out motor vehicle insurance for his 2015 VW Polo Vivo with ABC Insurers Ltd as well as DEF Insurers Ltd at the same time for the same risks. This is known as [____] insurance.

Consumer Protection

(5 marks)

Match the question/statement in column A to the most accurate answer/description in column B:

Column A			Column B
Barry owns an appliand	ce store. Barry	Bait marketing	
decides to advertise his	s products to the		
public in order to get m	ore business. In		
the advertisement, Bar	ry states that		
customers can buy 22	inch television		
sets at R4000 each. Ba	arry does not		
actually have these tele	evision sets		
available at the time of	advertising.		
Books-for-All send Will	nemena a few of	Negative option m	arketing
their books by post and	d state that if she		
does not send the bool	ks back in one		
week, then she must p	ay for them.		
Beds for Africa deliver a king size		Unsolicited goods	
mattress to Jentley which he did not			
order.			
Ella is approached by a	•	Cooling-off right	
company via email to purchase a new			
phone contract. She er			
contract with the suppli	•		
the email from them. T	wo days later,		
	she realises that she actually cannot		
afford the phone contract. She wants to			
cancel the contract with the supplier			
immediately.			
Samson takes out a ce	•	Fixed-term contra	ct
with 4-U Cellular (Pty)	Ltd for a period of		
two years.			
		Right to safe, qua	lity goods

Right to information in a plain language
Discriminatory marketing

Security

(10 marks)

Match the column: (5 marks)

Match the question/statement in column A to the most accurate answer/description in column B:

Column A	Column B
Marissha agrees to pay her son's loan	Suretyship
from ABBA Bank Ltd if he cannot repay	
them as agreed	
Kanye sees a neighbour's yacht sinking	Salvage lien
in the dock and immediately reacts with	
a few others and manages to save the	
yacht from sinking. Kanye acquires	
security over the yacht in the form of:	
Sydney wants to borrow R10 000 from	Pledge
her friend, Maureen. Maureen is only	
willing to lend her the money if Sydney	
provides her with her sapphire ring.	
Francis leases her flat in Melville to	Landlord's tacit hypothec
Thomas. Thomas does not pay his rent	
for two months. Francis has security for	
the rent in arrears in the form of:	
Vuyisile enters into a contract with	Debtor-creditor lien
Douglas in terms of which Douglas will	
build a house for Vuyisile and will be	
paid R100 000 for the work. Vuyisile	
does not pay Douglas for the work.	
Douglas acquires security over the	
house in terms of a:	
	Improvement Lien
	Mortgage
	Luxurious expenses

Multiple Choice – Security

1. Andile and Mavundla both agree to act as co-sureties for their sister, Zimasa's study loan with ABBA Bank Ltd. Zimasa also provides ABBA Bank Ltd with security in the form of a life insurance policy. Upon default by Zimasa of the

principal debt, Andile and Mavundla obtain certain rights as sureties. The following statement is not correct in the above set of facts:

- a) Andile and Mavundla may rely on the benefit of excussion and demand that the creditor first claim the amount from Zimasa;
- b) Andile may be held fully liable for the amount of the debt and does not have a claim against Mavundla;
- c) Mavundla may only be held liable for a pro-rata amount of the debt as cosurety;
- d) Mavundla and Andile may claim the amount paid by them from Zimasa;
- e) Mavundla and Andile may demand transfer and cession of the life insurance policy from the creditor.
- 2. The following statement regarding a pledge is incorrect:
 - a) Delivery is a prerequisite for the creation of a pledge
 - b) Parties may however agree that item may be sold on default without obtaining a court order
 - c) Pledgee is required to take proper care of the pledged object while it is in his possession
 - d) Parties may agree that if pledgor defaults, pledgee may simply retain the asset as the owner thereof.
 - e) Pledgee may claim from the pledgor the necessary expenses incurred for the maintenance of the item
- 3. The following statement regarding a mortgage is incorrect:
- a) It comes about in terms of agreement between the mortgagor and the creditor
- b) Security only takes effect upon registration of the mortgage bond in the Deeds Office
- c) Parate executie is always invalid in the case of a mortgage
- d) Mortgagee takes possession of mortgaged property
- e) Lex commissoria always invalid in the case of a mortgage

Fill in the missing word:

- If a person is in possession of a thing belonging to another and has incurred expenses with regard to that thing by having spent money or labour on it, he has the right to retain the thing in his possession until remunerated according to their agreement. This is known as a []
- If a person is in possession of a thing belonging to another has incurred expenses with regard to that thing by having spent money or labour on it, he has the right to retain the thing in his possession until reimbursed for his actual expenditure or labour and there is no agreement between the parties. This is known as an [_____].

(5 marks)

- 1. Credit-For-All (Pty) Ltd provide a loan to Jason of R40 000 without checking Jason's creditworthiness. They did not conduct a proper assessment of Jason and his ability to repay the loan. This is known as [] credit.
- 2. Frederick enters into an instalment transaction with Y-Bank Ltd for an amount of R300 000. This falls in the category of a [] credit agreement.

True or false:

- 1. Kyle wants to return the goods which are the subject of a credit agreement to the credit provider as he can no longer afford to pay for the goods. As soon as Kyle is in default, he may not surrender the goods to the credit provider.
- 2. Consumers have the right to be granted credit.
- 3. A credit provider may unilaterally increase the credit limit of a consumer if the contract contains a standard provision to do so.

Long Question – CPA and NCA

(10 marks)

Zinhle is a newly appointed chartered accountant at one of the largest accounting and auditing firms in the country. She decides that she is going to purchase a new Mercedes Benz C-Class to celebrate her new job appointment. One day whilst doing her grocery shopping at her local shopping centre, Mercedes Benz have a promotional stand in the centre advertising and selling their vehicles. She approaches the stand and decides there and then to purchase the vehicle. The salesman arranges finance for Zinhle through Best Bank Ltd for an amount of R 400 000 in order for her to purchase the vehicle. Best Bank Ltd will grant her the loan and she will have to repay the loan over 48 months at an interest rate of 10,5%. The contract is then concluded at the shopping centre with Mercedes Benz and Best Bank Ltd.

- Explain whether the Consumer Protection Act and the National Credit Act are applicable to these transactions. (3)
- Zinhle does not know which category the credit agreement with Best Bank Ltd falls within. Explain to Zinhle with reference to her credit agreement. (2)
- After 3 days of purchasing the vehicle from Mercedes Benz, Zinhle decides that she no longer wants the vehicle and does not want to commit to a credit agreement for 4 years with Best Bank Ltd. She has heard that she has a cooling-off right in respect of both the CPA and the NCA. Explain to Zinhle whether she may exercise her cooling-off rights in respect of both transactions (your answer should identify the differences between both cooling-off rights).

LEASE AGREEMENTS Match the column: Match the question/statement in column A to the most accurate answer/description in column B:

	A: Question/statement	B: Answers/description
1.	Mariah and Jeremiah entered into a lease agreement in terms whereof Mariah rents a two- bedroom flat from Jeremiah. Mariah decides to rent the second bedroom to Kennedy. With reference to the relationship between Mariah and Kennedy, Mariah is the:	sub-lessor
2.	Mary-Jane has always dreamt of traveling the world. She has recently inherited some money, and she decides to make her dream a reality. She rents an apartment from Thembekile, and their lease agreement will still be in force for ten more months. Mary-Jane wants to start her adventure as soon as possible, and she arranges with her sister to move into the apartment. Mary-Jane will continue to pay the rent even though her sister will live there. This transfer by Mary-Jane is known as:	cession
3.	Nomatemba has always dreamt of traveling the world. She has recently inherited some money, and she decides to make her dream a reality. She rents an apartment from Tom, and their lease agreement will still be in force for ten more months. Nomatemba wants to start her adventure as soon as possible, and she arranges with her sister to move into the apartment. Nomatemba's sister will also be responsible to pay the rent. This transfer by Nomatemba is known as:	assignment
4.	Nosipho rents a flat from Michael. After the expiry of the lease agreement, Nospiho remains in occupation of the property. The remedies available to Michael are:	specific performance and damages (if suffered)
5.	Jabu rents an apartment from Preneil. The period of the lease is from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. On 15 March 2021 Preneil inspects the apartment and is appalled at the state of disrepair that it is in. What is Preneil entitled to do?	Preneil may institute an action for damages on 1 April 2021 if the apartment is still in such a state of disrepair.

Additional/alternative unmatched answers to also be provided in column B:

sub-lessee	rescission and damages	Preniel may institute an
	(if suffered)	action for damages on 15
		March 2021 when he
		becomes aware of the
		state that the apartment is
		in.

Multiple choice:

- 1. A tacit hypothec is applicable to the following:
 - i) Any movable assets brought onto the leased property;
 - ii) All movable assets of the sub-lessee brought onto the leased property, in the instance where the property has been sub-let;
 - iii) All movable assets of third parties brought onto the leased property;
 - iv) Any movable assets brought onto the leased property for as long as the rent payment is outstanding.
 - a. Only option (i) is correct.
 - b. Options (i) and (iv) are correct.
 - c. Options (i) and (iii) are correct.
 - d. All of the above are correct.
 - e. None of the above are correct.
- 2. The Rental Housing Act is only applicable to:
 - a. commercial leases.
 - b. residential leases.
 - c. commercial leases with a rent amount exceeding R50 000 per month.
 - d. residential leases with a rent amount exceeding R5 000 per month.
- 3. Nelly rents a two-bedroom flat from Obakeng. She does not use the second bedroom, and as her sister is moving to Johannesburg, Nelly considers sub-letting the second bedroom to her. Nelly has read through the lease agreement that she and Obakeng entered into, but there is no mention of sub-letting. Choose the correct statement:
 - i) Nelly will need to contact Obakeng to discuss the sub-letting with him before she can sub-let to her sister;
 - ii) Nelly does not need to obtain Obakeng's permission to sub-let to her sister;
 - iii) If Nelly had leased land from Obakeng in order to provide grazing to her cows, she would need to contact Obakeng to discuss the sub-letting with him before she can sub-let to her sister;
 - iv) As a new contract between the lessor and sub-lessee is created upon a sublease, the lessor's consent would always be required and as such Nelly would require Obakeng's consent.

- a. None of the above are correct.
- b. Options (ii) and (iii) are correct.
- c. Options (i) and (iv) are correct.
- d. None of the above are correct.

Fill in the missing word:

- Thandi urgently wishes to relocate to Namibia for a period of six months in order to assist her sister who recently gave birth to triplets. She currently rents a townhouse from Norman in Johannesburg, and plans to continue living there once she returns from Namibia. In the meantime, Thandi's cousin Jamelia will move into the townhouse in Johannesburg, and Thandi will continue to pay the rent. In this scenario, Jamelia is the [].
- Thabo rents a flat from Michael. After the expiry of the lease agreement, Thabo remains in occupation of the property. Michael suffers no damages as a result of this breach of contract. The remedy available to Michael for breach is [].

LABOUR LAW

Match the column:

1. Match the question/statement in column A to the most accurate answer/description in column B:

	A: Question/statement	B: Answers/description
1.	Jane is employed as a delivery lady by Pretty Flowers CC. One morning when making a delivery, Jane is involved in a motor vehicle accident. The other motor vehicle that was involved in the accident sustained severe damage, and Jane is concerned that she will have to pay for the damage out of her own pocket. The applicable legal principle is:	Vicarious liability
2.	Employee in terms of the Labour Relations Act	Moshesh who has applied for a job opportunity at The Daily Sun, and who has also been for an interview
3.	Rorisang has just been offered a position at Soul Stationers CC. In finalising his employment contract, the manager insists that Rorisang will only be entitled to 1.5 times the normal rate if he works on a public holiday.	Basic Conditions of Employment Act

	Rorisang may rely on the in this regard.	
4.	Francis is employed as a mechanic at Motors For All. Motors For All is not open over weekends or public holidays. However, before the Easter weekend many people want to have their motor vehicles serviced, and Motors For All has received a great amount of bookings. At a staff meeting the manager asks the employees if there are any volunteers who would be willing to work on Human Rights Day, 21 March. If Francis is willing to work on that public holiday, he will be remunerated as such:	Twice the normal rate
5.	Sharon is employed as a shop assistant at Forward Fashions, which is situated in Protea Mall. Forward Fashions is required to keep to mall hours, and Protea Mall is always open on a public holiday. If Sharon works on Women's Day on 9 August, she will be remunerated as such:	Normal rate

Additional/alternative unmatched answers to also be provided in column B:

Huur gaat voor koop	Nancy as independent	National Minimum Wage
	contractor who performs	Act
	work for Sewing Girls CC	
	as a seamstress	

Multiple choice:

- 1. Moses used to be in the employ of Woodworks, but was recently dismissed. When he arrived at the office one morning there was a note on his desk to inform him that due to his substandard performance, Woodworks had been forced to "let him go". Moses is of the opinion that Woodworks are in the wrong and that his dismissal is unfair. Choose the correct statement in relation to Moses's dismissal:
 - i) Dismissal is unfair if it does not comply with procedural fairness;
 - ii) Dismissal is unfair if it does not comply with substantive fairness;
 - iii) Moses has been automatically unfairly dismissed;
 - iv) Moses has been unfairly dismissed.
 - a. Only option (i) is correct.
 - b. Options (i) and (ii) are correct.
 - c. Options (i), (ii) and (iv) are correct.
 - d. Options (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct.

- 2. Choose the correct option in relation to the principle of vicarious liability:
 - i) It is a liability that rests upon the employer.
 - ii) It is a liability that rests upon the employee.
 - iii) This principle is only applicable if the employer had acted in the course and scope of his duties.
 - a. Option (i) is correct.
 - b. Option (ii) is correct
 - c. Options (ii) and (iii) are correct.
 - d. Options (i) and (iii) are correct.
 - e. All of the above are correct.
- 3. Monica has just been offered a position at Papers and Printing CC (P and P). P and P prints various daily newspapers, and as such employees are expected to also work weekends and public holidays, in accordance with a shift schedule. In finalising Monica's employment contract, the manager insists that on the Sundays that Monica works she will be remunerated at her normal daily rate. Choose the correct option this regard:
 - In accordance with the Basic Conditions of Employment Act, Monica will be entitled to payment at one and a half (1.5) times her normal daily rate should she work on a Sunday;
 - ii) In accordance with the Basic Conditions of Employment Act, Monica will be entitled to payment at two (2) times her normal daily rate should she work on a Sunday;
 - iii) P and P may not provide any conditions or provisions that are less favourable than those imposed by the Basic Conditions of Employment Act;
 - iv) The provisions of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act is not applicable to Monica, and she will have to rely on the Minimum Wage Act;
 - a. None of the above are correct.
 - b. Options (ii) and (iii) are correct.
 - c. Options (i) and (iii) are correct.
 - d. Option (iv) is correct.

Fill in the missing word:

- Printers-for-UCC terminates Mary's employment contract one week after she discloses her pregnancy. Printers-for-U CC avers that it does not seek to employ any pregnant employees. This dismissal is an example of an [].
- JPM Windows Limited dismisses Joseph, one of its employees, without conducting disciplinary hearing. This is an example of an [].

INSOLVENCY LAW

Match the column:

Match the question/statement in column A to the most accurate answer/description in column B:

	A: Question/statement	B:
		Answers/description
1.	Sally Spendthrift has many creditors to pay, and she is unable to do so given her current salary. She considers voluntarily surrendering her estate.	Sequestration
2.	Money Problems Limited has been unable to pay its creditors, and the shareholders of the company are of the opinion that the company should be wound-up. The shareholders enter into a resolution to this effect.	Liquidation
3.	The balance sheet of Cash CC indicates liabilities amounting to R 50 000, and assets amounting to R 100 000. Of the assets, R 80 000 is contained as fixed assets in the form of immovable property. In terms of a facility agreement with Abba Bank, Cash CC needs to repay R 70 000 to the bank tomorrow.	Commercial insolvency
4.	No Cash Limited's chief financial officer is concerned at the state of the company's balance sheet. Its liabilities clearly exceeds its assets.	Factual insolvency
5.	A contract that an unrehabilitated insolvent may enter into without assistance from the trustee.	Contract of employment to work as an engineer at an oil refinery

Additional/alternative unmatched answers to also be provided in column B:

Business rescue	Financial distress	Contract of insurance in
		order to insure his motor
		vehicle

Essay question with Business Rescue:

You are approached by Desmond Dube, a director and shareholder of No Money Worries Limited (the company). The company has been experiencing financial trouble for quite some time, and the board of the company has realised that drastic measures need to be taken in this regard. The board of the company as well as its shareholders, are adamant that the company cannot cease to exist and needs to continue trading. Desmond has taken it upon himself, on behalf of the board of the company, to find out some more information as to the options at their disposal.

Advise Desmond as to the options available to the company, and the practical implications thereof. You are further also expected to draw a conclusion as to which procedure will be the most suitable to the company.

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BUSINESS RESCUE

<u> True / False</u>:

- 1. A company may only be placed under business rescue once it is insolvent.
- 2. Companies are the only entity that may be placed under business rescue.
- 3. When a company is placed under business rescue, the business rescue practitioner is appointed to take over control of the company. The directors of the company remain, but must follow the instructions of the business rescue practitioner.

Fill in the missing word:

- 1. As to the financial position that a company finds itself in; a company may only be placed under business rescue if the company is [].
- 2. When a company is under business rescue, its creditors are not entitled to institute any legal proceedings against it. This is referred to as a [].