

UNIT 4: Aspects of Family Law:- Cornerstones – Catholic – Inclusive – Broad – Knowledge Rich

Calendar	Big Question/Theme	Small Questions	Assessment Opportunities and Criteria. Teacher Feedback point (TFP)	Homework
Autumn 1	A Explore the legal rules governing the formation of marriages, civil partnerships and cohabitation	<p>A1 Marriage and civil partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of marriage and the right to marry. • Formation of a valid marriage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ who you can marry – age restrictions, the meaning of ‘prohibited degrees of relationship’, rules on bigamy and polygamy, the impact of the Gender Recognition Act 2004, same-sex marriages ➤ marriage procedures – the conduct of the ceremony, wedding venues, notice requirements. • Distinction between marriage and civil partnership. • Formation of a valid civil partnership – who you can enter into a civil partnership with, civil partnership ceremonies, notice requirements. <p>A2 Cohabitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of cohabitation and its legal recognition. • Distinction between married couples/civil partners and cohabitants. • Formalising status as a cohabitant – cohabitation agreements. • Other informal relationships – homesharers. <p>A3 Legal rights and obligations of marriage/civil partnership and cohabitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal rights and obligation of marriage/civil partnership, including financial and property rights during the relationship and on death. • Legal rights and obligations of cohabitants, including financial and property rights during the relationship and on death. 	TFP Coursework Practice Task 1	Consolidation Mindmaps Revision Resources Quizzing Preparation for Coursework & Coursework

<p>Autumn 1 & 2</p>	<p>B Examine the various methods for dissolving a relationship</p>	<p>B1 Nullity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distinction between void and voidable marriages/civil partnerships. • Consequences of a void marriage/civil partnership. • Grounds for a voidable marriage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ non-consummation due to incapacity or wilful refusal ➤ lack of consent, including the distinction between forced marriages and arranged marriages ➤ mental incapacity ➤ venereal disease ➤ pregnancy ➤ gender recognition certificate or acquired gender. • Grounds for a voidable civil partnership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ lack of consent ➤ mental disorder ➤ pregnancy ➤ gender recognition certificate or acquired gender. • Procedure for obtaining a decree of nullity – filing the petition, decree nisi, statement in support of annulment, decree absolute. • Bars to annulment. <p>B2 Divorce and dissolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The irretrievable breakdown ground for divorce as evidenced by the five facts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ adultery and intolerability ➤ behaviour ➤ desertion ➤ two years’ separation with consent ➤ five years’ separation. • The irretrievable breakdown ground for dissolution of a civil partnership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ behaviour ➤ desertion ➤ two years’ separation with consent ➤ five years’ separation. • Bars on petitions for divorce and dissolution. • Encouraging reconciliation. 	<p>TFP Coursework Practice Task 2</p>	<p>Consolidation Mindmaps Revision Resources Quizzing Preparation for Coursework & Coursework</p>
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Autumn 2		Complete coursework section A	1st draft feedback	Complete coursework
Autumn 2	C Investigate the legal rules governing the distribution of money and property on the breakdown of a relationship	<p>C1 Financial orders available to the court on divorce/dissolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance pending suit. • Money orders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ periodical payments order ➤ secured periodical payments order. • Property orders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ lump sum order ➤ property adjustment orders, including transfer of property, settlement of property and variation of settlement. • Pensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ pension attachment order ➤ pension sharing order. <p>C2 Factors the court will take into account when deciding what order to make</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory factors and relevant case law. • Clean break, including advantages and disadvantages of a clean break, factors that will make a clean break appropriate or inappropriate. • Pre-nuptial agreements. • Variation of orders and appeals. <p>C3 Orders for children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty to maintain a child. • Who child maintenance applies to. • Powers of the courts: 	TFP Coursework Practice Task 3	Consolidation Mindmaps Revision Resources Quizzing Preparation for Coursework & Coursework

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ periodic and secured periodic payments ➤ lump sum orders ➤ property orders, including settlements of property and transfer of property. <p>• Orders for a child of the family</p>		
Spring 1	D Examine how the courts resolve disputes over children	<p>D1 Parenthood and parental responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difference between being a parent and having parental responsibility. • Definition of parenthood, including who is the mother and father of the child and laws on surrogacy and assisted reproduction. • Definition of parental responsibility and its key elements. • Automatic and acquired parental responsibility. • Losing parental responsibility and its effects. <p>D2 Children's rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of rights. • Development of children's rights in the law, including the right to protection, the right to autonomy and the right to be heard. <p>D3 Disputes over children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders that can be made to resolve disputes over children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ residence order, including joint residence orders ➤ contact order ➤ specific issue order ➤ prohibited steps order. • Factors the court takes into account in making an order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ welfare principle ➤ no delay principle ➤ presumption of continued parental involvement ➤ welfare checklist ➤ no order principle. • Who can apply for an order to resolve a dispute over a child 	TFP Coursework Practice Task 4 & 5	Consolidation Mindmaps Revision Resources Quizzing Preparation for Coursework & Coursework
Spring 2	Coursework	Complete coursework for this section	1st draft feedback	Complete coursework