

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)
Spring 1	A Explore the legal rules governing the formation of marriages, civil partnerships and cohabitation	<p>A1 Marriage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of marriage. • Formation of a valid marriage. • The legal requirements of marriage. • Polygamy. • Bigamy. • The rights of transsexuals. • Preliminary formalities. • The legal consequences of marriage. <p>A1 Civil partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of a civil partnership. • The differences between marriage and civil partnership. • Formation of a civil partnership. • The legal requirements of a civil partnership. • Preliminary formalities. • The legal consequences of a civil partnership. <p>A2 Cohabitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of cohabitation. • Cohabitation agreement. • Homesharing. • The legal consequences of cohabitation. <p>A3 Legal rights and obligations of marriage/civil partnership and cohabitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial obligations. • Property rights during the relationship. • Property rights when the relationship has broken down. • The parental responsibilities of children and orders. 	<p>P1</p> <p>P1</p> <p>P1</p> <p>P2 TFP</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The effect of the relationship when a person has to give evidence against the person.• The impact on one party when the other dies without a will.• The impact on the relationship based on tax obligations. <p>Applying to knowledge to given case studies (Pearson assignment brief)</p>	M1 TFP
Spring 2	B Examine the various methods for dissolving a relationship	<p>B1 Nullity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definition of nullity.• Void and voidable marriages.• Consequences of a void marriage.• Grounds for a voidable marriage.• Grounds for a voidable civil partnership.• The procedure for obtaining a decree of nullity.• Bars of annulment. <p>B2 Divorce and dissolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One year bar.• Definition of divorce and dissolution.• Irretrievable breakdown.• No fault divorce.• Previous grounds used for divorce or dissolution of a marriage.• Reconciliation.• Joint and sole applications.• Cost of divorce or dissolution.• Undefended and defended divorce.• The decree of presumption of death. <p>B3 Judicial separation</p> <p>Applying to knowledge to given case studies (Pearson assignment brief).</p>	P3 P3 P3 M2

		Evaluating the current law forming and ending of a relationship. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the law effective. • How is the law ineffective. 	D1 TFP
Spring 2			TFP – coursework marking
Spring 2	C Investigate the legal rules governing the distribution of money and property on the breakdown of a relationship	C1 Financial orders available to the court on divorce/dissolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance pending suits. • Money orders. • Property orders. • Pensions. C2 Factors the court will take into account when deciding what order to make <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory factors. • Clean break. • Ancillary relief. • Pre-nuptial agreements. • Variations of orders and appeals. C3 Orders for children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty to maintain a child. • Who child maintenance applies to. • Child maintenance. • Rates. • Powers of the court. Applying to knowledge to given case studies (Pearson assignment brief) Evaluating the current law distributing money and property. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the law effective. • How is the law ineffective. 	P4 P4 P4 M3 D2 TFP
Spring 2 / Summer 1	D Examine how the courts	D1 Parenthood and parental responsibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of parental responsibility. 	P5

	<p>resolve disputes over children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of parenthood. • Key elements of parental responsibility. • Automatic parental responsibility. • Acquired parental responsibility. • Losing parental responsibility • The effects of losing parental responsibility. • The difference between being a parent and having parental responsibility. • The laws of surrogacy. • Assisted reproduction. <p>D2 Children’s rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of a right. • The development of children’s rights. • The right to protection. • The right to autonomy. • The right to be heard. • Alternations made to court proceedings to accommodate children. <p>D3 Disputes over children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence orders. • Contact orders – direct / indirect contact and overnight and visiting arrangements. • Specific issue order. • Prohibited steps order. • The welfare principle. • The no delay principle. • The order principle. <p>Applying to knowledge to given case studies (Pearson assignment brief)</p> <p>Evaluating the current law distributing money and property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the law effective. • How is the law ineffective. 	<p>P5</p> <p>P5</p> <p>M4 TFP</p> <p>D3</p>
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