

Diploma in Law (Malta): Intake October 2024

Assessment Task: Written assignment based on chosen questions	
Module: <i>Award in Legal Research and Interpretation Methodologies</i>	Tuition Centre: 21 Academy Licence Number: 2018-017
Level: Award MQF Level 5	Student Name:
Date:	ID Number: <same no. submitted in student profile>
Assignment Deadline: 8 May 2025	
<p>Task The purpose of this unit is to develop an understanding of a particular topic you will write about which forms part of Legal Research and Interpretation Methodologies.</p> <p>Note This assessment provides students with an opportunity to put into practice the relevant provisions of the law in relation to the topic they choose to write about forming part of Legal Research and Interpretation Methodologies.</p> <p>Note <i>You should plan to spend approximately 20 hours researching each assignment question, preparing for and writing the assignment for assessment. The nominal word count for each assignment is 1,700 words (this does not apply for Question 4).</i></p> <p><i>Please ensure that you refer to 21 Academy's Assignment Guidelines for comprehensive information regarding the submission of your assignment. Additionally, the assignment submission form must be included with your completed work, clearly indicating which question you have chosen to answer by ticking the box next to the question number.</i></p>	
<p>Choose and answer 2 (two) questions from the following:</p> <p>Question 1: a) Define and distinguish between the various sources of legal research and explain the concept and importance of hierarchy within legal research sources. b) Explore how artificial intelligence is transforming the legal research landscape. Discuss potential benefits and challenges AI poses to traditional legal research methodologies.</p> <p>Question 2: Compare and contrast the 6-step, 7-step, and 9-step models of legal research methodology and discuss the importance of following structured stages in the legal research process. Define and differentiate between empirical and conceptual legal research. Provide examples of how each type can be applied in addressing specific legal issues. Discuss the role of hypotheses in legal research, including the characteristics of a good hypothesis and outline the steps involved in formulating and testing a hypothesis, highlighting common errors and how to avoid them.</p> <p>Question 3: Evaluate a selection of methods of data collection in legal research, (ex: sampling). Discuss the advantages and limitations of each chosen method.</p> <p>Practical Application: Design a mini-research study focusing on a legal issue of your choice. Identify the problem or hypothesis. Specify the type of research design (qualitative, quantitative, doctrinal, or empirical) you will use. Outline the methods of data collection and analysis you would implement.</p> <p>Question 4: a) Compare and contrast the three sources of legal research (Word limit: 850 words)</p>	

b) Find the following using the online platforms for the sources of legal research in the Maltese Legal System - Reply as required, cite your sources and produce screenshots where necessary:-

i The Court/Board name presiding over the case in the names 'INDIS Malta Ltd. vs JAC Steel Limited' (Reference number 773/2021) and when was the case initiated by the plaintiff;

ii Minutes/Verbal dated 14/11/2023 of the case in the names 'Muscat Simone vs L-Avukat tal-Istat et' (Reference number 200/2023);

i The charges issued by the Police in the judgment "Il-Pulizija vs Bogicevic Savo" decided by Magistrate Nadine Lia dated 30th November 2021 (Reference number 548/2018) AND how was the case decided;

ii Is the company Grifo Malta Limited registered in the Insolvency Register?;

iii The title of Subsidiary Legislation 601.03;

iv Date when Legal Notice 246 of 2019 was published in the Government Gazette of Malta and the number of the Government Gazette of Malta in which the Legal Notice was published;

v Who was the appellant in Case 1839 – LCS22/22 –Services – Collection of Bulky Refuse for the Locality of Siggiewi in an Environmentally Friendly Manner – decision delivered by the Public Contracts Review Board on the 20th January 2023;

vi The company number and registration date of the company 'Hal Mann Construction Ltd';

vii Parliament's Agenda for meeting number 7 held on 15th October 2008.

N.B. Those answering this fourth question may experience a very high similarity score since your answers might be copied from sources. While the high similarity score here is acceptable, please make sure that you review the similarity report to make sure that your answer to question 4a is not also contributing to the raised similarity score.

Pass Mark - 50%

Total Assignments Weighting - 100%

By submitting I confirm that this assessment is my own work

Mark:

Signature: <main assessor>

Date

Signature: <quality assurance>