

**TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

**EMG 2517: LAW FOR ENGINEERS**

**DATE: APRIL 2016**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE**

a) Law is said to cut through all aspects of life. With reference to this statement, outline the purposes of law  
(10marks)

b) Outline the rules that govern limitations of actions in tort as provided for under limitations of actions act  
(10marks)

b) Sara Maalu contracted the services of Mwala contractors ltd to put up a five storey building in Kiunga Town. The contractor commenced work but the building collapsed before completion injuring a number of people.

The injured persons have now instituted legal proceedings against Sara Maalu seeking compensatory damages.

Explain the legal principles applicable in this case and advise Sara Maalu  
(10marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) (i) Explain the term ‘‘international law’’  
(2marks)  
(ii) Summarize eight matters that are dealt with under international law  
(8marks)
- b) (i) Explain two categories of judicial precedent  
(4marks)  
(ii) Discuss three advantages of judicial precedents  
(6marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

- (a) With reference to the law of contract, explain five circumstances under which existence of undue influence is presumed in law  
(10marks)
- (b) In relation to the law of property, describe five characteristics of a copyright  
(10marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- (a) Distinguish between public and private law  
(4marks)
- (b) In relation to the sources of law, explain the following
  - (i) The inadequacies of common law that led to the development of the principles and doctrines of equity as a complimentary source of law  
(6marks)
  - (ii) Supremacy of the constitution  
(4marks)
- (c) High three remedies available in civil action  
(4marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE**

- (a) Discuss the jurisdiction of the industrial court  
(10marks)
- (b) Explain the functions of trade unions  
(10marks)