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- 1 ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**
- 2 SECTION A MUST BE ANSWERED ON A SEPARATE MARK READING SHEET.**
- 3. REFER TO RELEVANT CASE LAW OR AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT YOUR ANSWERS**
- 4 NOTE THE MARKS ALLOCATED TO EACH QUESTION AND ENSURE THAT YOUR ANSWER IS IN LINE WITH THIS MARK.**

SECTION A

Question 1

Specialised and unspecialised systems are different because in the unspecialised systems

- 1) emphasis falls strongly on the group
- 2) a transgression of the law and legal rules will have certain, specific consequences for the transgressors
- 3) relations are governed by law
- 4) decisions are only taken by the family head

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Question 2

One of the indications that fundamental rights have priority over customary law is that the

- 1) rights in the Bill of Rights may be limited by any law
 - 2) courts must promote the values that underlie an undemocratic society
 - 3) Bill of Rights is only applicable to customary law
 - 4) Constitution is the supreme law
- (2)

Question 3

The betrothal agreement

- 1) is an enforceable contract in customary law
 - 2) cannot be repudiated or terminated at any time
 - 3) gives rise to a claim for breach of contract, in cases where it is terminated
 - 4) creates certain rights and duties for the parties involved
- (2)

Question 4

In customary law, succession

- 1) takes place on the death of the principal wife
 - 2) follows the principle of primogeniture
 - 3) is a duty that cannot be relinquished or ceded
 - 4) prevents a family head from transferring a younger son from one house to another house without a son during his lifetime
- (2)

Question 5

A woman in customary law

- 1) may never inherit property from her deceased father
 - 2) has equal status and capacity with her husband in a customary marriage
 - 3) cannot acquire and dispose of assets if she is a wife in a customary marriage
 - 4) can succeed to the position of family head at her husband's discretion
- (2)

Question 6

Which of the following statements apply to the *ukuthелеka* custom?

- 1) It is practised by some Sotho tribes
 - 2) It entails that the wife is "kidnapped" by her people
 - 3) It is used for the maintenance of the woman
 - 4) It means that the *lobolo* is delivered in instalments
- (2)

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Question 7

Section 211(3) of the 1996 Constitution has the following implications

- 1) The recognition and application of customary law is subject to the Bill of Rights
- 2) All courts may apply and must recognise customary law
- 3) It is not necessary for judges to have any formal training in customary law
- 4) The recognition and application of customary law is subject to general legislation (2)

Question 8

In terms of the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act 41 of 2003, the power to appoint a king vests with

- 1) the president
- 2) the premiers of the different provinces
- 3) the National House of Traditional Leaders
- 4) parliament (2)

Question 9

The *ukungena* custom is applied where

- 1) the husband is incapable of having children
- 2) the husband dies without a son
- 3) the tribal wife dies without a son
- 4) the tribal wife is incapable of having children (2)

Question 10

Which of the following will the Premier of a province engage in to recognise a senior traditional leader, headman or headwoman?

- 1) Issue a notice in the provincial gazette recognising the person so identified
 - 2) Call a tribal council meeting to announce the appointment
 - 3) Appoint the particular traditional leader to the relevant House of Traditional leaders
 - 4) Organise a celebration of the appointment in the community (2)
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SECTION B**Question 2**

- (a) Give an exposition of the factors that promote observance of customary law (10)
 - (b) Discuss the implications of section 211 of the Constitution for the recognition of customary law (15)
 - (c) Distinguish between 'general succession' and 'special succession' (5)
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Question 3

- (a) Explain the effect of the case of *Gumede v Gumede* on the proprietary consequences of marriage according to section 7(1) of the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act 120 of 1998 (15)
 - (b) Discuss the grounds for dissolution of the various types of customary marriages (15)
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Question 4

- (a)
 - i Legal representation was unknown in traditional customary courts Evaluate this statement (5)
 - ii Explain the following maxim, *Molato ga o rere mongwe* ("one debt is not heard by another") (5)
 - (b) Discuss the legal requirements in terms of the Traditional Leadership and Governance Framework Act 43 of 2003 for the recognition and withdrawal of traditional communities (10)
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