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: INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

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: BPC 42803

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DURATION

: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION

: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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Q1 (a) When peaceful methods fail to settle a dispute, the trade union may attempt to use more aggressive method.

Differentiate picketing and lockout.

(8 marks)

(b) It is common for one of the parties to be unwilling to negotiate with the other to find an acceptable solution.

Discuss TWO (2) methods available for settling disputes.

(8 marks)

(c) There are several methods available to preserve industrial harmony in unionized environment.

Propose **THREE** (3) proactive and positive steps to avoid industrial dispute.

(9 marks)

Q2 (a) Employers have the right to take disciplinary action against employees and this action may lead to the dismissal of the employee or the imposition of some other punishment.

Determine TWO (2) situations that employers should take disciplinary action against employees.

(4 marks)

(b) As the Production Manager, Ong had warned Zaki verbally for arriving late for work twice in a week time. Further action taken by Ong as the Production Manager was to issue a warning letter to Zaki for not abiding by the verbal warning given before.

Prepare a warning letter to Zaki.

(6 marks)



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(c) After receiving complaints, the management started to conduct an investigation and found a prima facie in the accusation where Zaki was found guilty for giving a fake medical certificate in order to get him a leave.

Prepare a show cause letter to Zaki.

(15 marks)

- Q3 (a) The Employment Act, Section 14, states that an employee can be dismissed on the grounds of misconduct after "due inquiry". This section of the law was interpreted to mean that a formal trial, called a domestic inquiry, should be held in the workplaces before imposing the penalty of dismissal.
 - (i) Define domestic inquiry.

(2 marks)

- (ii) List **THREE** (3) purposes of conducting domestic inquiry. (3 marks)
- (iii) Explain SEVEN (7) main stages of a domestic inquiry.

(14 marks)

(b) Once the inquiry has been held and the employee was found to be guilty, the employer must decide on a suitable penalty.

Discuss **THREE** (3) mitigating factors employer should consider before deciding on the penalty.

(6 marks)



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- Q4 Every employer should design a clear procedure so that supervisor and managers know how to handle problematic employee whose performance is not satisfactory.
 - (a) Discuss **THREE** (3) procedures to be followed before dismissing an employee on the grounds of poor performance.

(12 marks)

(b) Frustration of contract is a common law doctrine which applies to all types of contracts, including employment contracts.

Explain frustration of contract.

(4 marks)

(c) Discuss **THREE** (3) possibilities leading to frustration of contract.

(9 marks)

-END OF QUESTIONS -

