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**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HONOURS) IN POLICE AND SECURITY
STUDIES**

PS309/PS 409 (2): LAW OF EVIDENCE

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Duration: 3 hours (100 marks)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer Question 1 (COMPULSORY)
2. Choose any other 3 Questions.
3. Cell phones are not allowed into the examination room.
4. Begin each answer to a fresh question on a new page.
5. Credit shall be given for referring to case law, statutes or any other authorities wherever possible.

SECTION A COMPULSORY QUESTION

Question 1

Briefly explain the following law of evidence principles:

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| a) The doctrine of judicial precedence | (9) |
| b) Parole evidence rule | (8) |
| c) Character evidence | (8) |

[Total 25 Marks]

SECTION B: OPTIONAL QUESTIONS (ANSWER ANY THREE)

Question 2

Explain the approach of the courts when handling the following types of evidence.

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| i) Single Witness Evidence | (12) |
| ii) Evidence of Accomplices | (13) |

[Total 25 Marks]

Question 3

Discuss the following concepts in relation to the law of evidence:

i) The burden of proof required in Zimbabwean criminal courts. (15)

ii) Previous consistent statement (10)

[Total 25 Marks]

Question 4

Analyse the forms of privilege recognised under the law of evidence in Zimbabwe. (25)

[Total 25 Marks]

Question 5

Examine the evidentiary principles on hearsay evidence. (25)

[Total 25 Marks]

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