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YOUTH AT RISK

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Instructions

- ANSWER QUESTION **ONE** FROM SECTION A
- CHOOSE **ONE** QUESTION FROM SECTION B
- CHOOSE **TWO** QUESTIONS FROM SECTION C
- NUMBER ANSWERS CORRECTLY

Section: A

(Read the case-study below and answer question **ONE** below)

Question on Sentencing options:

Miss X, aged 23 was found guilty of fraud (to the amount of 50 000). She took the money over a period of 2 months hoping it would not be noticed. According to her she took the money to pay for the medication of her terminal ill grandmother who resides in a local township. The local Spar where she worked has dismissed her and she is presently unemployed. She is a part-time student and no longer has the means to continue her studies. The accused's boyfriend of the past two year will be completing his studies and the couple intends to marry at the end of the year. The couple resides in a flat in the centre of town. The grandmother will be moving into the flat with them which is closer to the hospital.

The accused's parents passed away ten years ago. Her grandmother had been caring for her and her three younger siblings for the last seven years when she became ill. The accused has been working at the above-mentioned Spar since the age of sixteen and together with the grandmother's pension, has used her wages to support and educate the younger children.

The accused has no previous convictions and is a first-time offender. He admitted to have committed the offense and shows remorse. She cooperated with investigation and admitted guilt and gave the full information about the incident. The school she attended suspect substance abuse from her at around the time of her parents death. As far as the school can recall the problem resolved itself, but they cannot be sure as she left school after passing grade 12 to take up employment.

The younger children were able to complete their grade 12 and are self-employed at the moment. They do not live in the same town any longer and so are unable to provide emotional or financial support for her at this time. Her boyfriend's parents, also pensioners, together with the church are offering all the support they can. Miss X, id described as a hambled and good citizen by both the church and neighbors.

Questions:

1. Write comprehensive notes on Mitigating and Aggravating factors in sentencing based on the above scenario? **(25 marks)**

Section B

(Answer one question from this section)

Questions

1. Critically discuss the process of Developmental Assessment; Preliminary Enquiry, Reception Assessment and Referral (RAR) and purpose of diversion programmes in accordance with the Probation Service Act 35 of 2002? **(25 marks)**

OR

2. Critically discuss the circumstances that contribute to vulnerability to criminal behaviour amongst the youth and deliberate on criminal activities that could emanate out of these circumstances? **(25 Marks)**

Section C

(Choose any two from below questions)

Questions:

1. Elaborate on the different types of Restorative Justice (RJ) programmes? **(25 marks)**

OR

2. Critically discuss theories of punishment in accordance to the Triad of Zinn and identify key elements that presiding officers considers when making their sentencing decision? **(25 Marks)**

OR

3. Critically discuss the role and duties of a Probation Officer as prescribed in the Probation Services Act 35 of 2002 and that of an expert witness in court? **(25 Marks)**