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Part 1

- The people in the public gallery thought he would be automatically found guilty and were **supprised** when the jury returned a verdict of 'not guilty'.
- a) surprised
- b) suprised
- c) surprized
- The legal terminology unit (level 3 only) would enhance any CV and increase your chances of **employment!** a good working knowledge of legal terms and spellings can only be a great asset.
- a) employment.
- b) employment;c) employment,
- When typing a Statement, leave a top margin of **5 c.m**. This will mean turning up 6 spaces and typing on the 6th line as there is already a 2.5 cm default margin. Five line spaces equals 2.5 cm.
- a) 5.0 cm
- b) 5 centimetres
- c) 5 cm
- When a **Solicitors** office accepts a new client, the secretary will open a new file, carry out a conflict of interest search and send the client a 'client care letter'.
- a) solicitors'
- b) Solicitors's
- c) Solicitor's
- A **dwelling house** referred to in a legal document is describing a property which is lived in or intended to be occupied.
- a) dweling house
- b) dwelinghouse
- c) dwellinghouse
- When Wills are signed away from the office, pencil marks are used to show where the Will needs to be signed. The pencil marks is not usually removed after the Will has been signed.
- a) were
- b) are
- c) was
- 7 The client instructed the Solicitor to **procede** with the sale of his property as he had found a new property he wished to purchase.
- a) precede
- b) proceed
- c) proceede
- When registering a new company, the registered address of the company is included as well as the **Directors** own residential address.
- a) Director's
- b) Directors
- c) Directors's

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- 9 The CPS abbreviation stands for Crown Prosecution Service but is often referred to as just **CPs**. Likewise in long documents, 'Crown Prosecution Service' may be mentioned once in full then by the abbreviation.
- a) CPS
- b) C.P.S.
- c) Cps
- 10 The accounts department in a law firm is responsible for sending out a monthly invoice asking the client for their remitance.
- a) remmitance
- b) remittance
- c) remittence

(10 marks)

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Part 2

UK PROTECTED PERSONS' SERVICE

The UK Protected Persons' Service (UKPPS) was formed in 2013 to provide protection for witnesses and victims on a regional basis administered by local police forces. Prior to this formation, it was the sole responsibility of local police forces. UKPPS is responsible for the safety of around 3,000 people and is part of the National Crime Agency.

This new protection service was introduced to improve national quality standards, improve co-ordination across existing services, promote intelligence sharing between police forces and strengthen local services.

The witness protection service is to protect threatened witnesses or any person involved in the justice system including defendants, before, during and after a trial usually by the police. Some witnesses may only require protection until the conclusion of a trial, other witnesses are provided with a new identity and have to live out the rest of their lives under Government protection somewhere in another part of the United Kingdom or even abroad.

Witness protection is usually required in trials against organised crime eg drug offences, money aundering, criminal gangs and where there is a risk for witnesses to be intimidated by defendants' families and friends. Many witnesses have risked their lives by giving evidence in court and without their testimony many criminals would not be convicted. Society owes them a great debt and is why they are offered protection.

Before December 2013 more than a quarter of **prosecutions** collapsed because witnesses or victims were **unwilling** to give evidence.

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Intimidated witnesses

If witnesses in criminal proceedings are considered to be 'intimidated' then special

measures can be taken under the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (YJCEA).

These may involve screening the witness from the defendant, allowing them to give

evidence by live television link and allowing them to give evidence in private. In order for a

witness to qualify as 'intimidated', courts will consider various factors including age,

background of witness, type of offence and if the witness is threatened by the defendant's

friends.

Full witness protection Sub-heading underlined

In really serious cases, the risk to witnesses might be great enough to necessitate their

relocation and a change of identity. **Imagine** having to leave your old life and start a totally

different life in a different part of the country. Your name changes, a new passport is issued,

national insurance number, bank account etc and you may not be able to contact any of

your old friends and family. A very difficult and stressful time for anyone just because they

were brave and willing to put criminals behind bars!

This type of witness protection is therefore used sparingly and only in the most serious

cases.

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