Diploma in Law (Malta): Intake October 2026

Assessment Task: Written assignment based on chosen questions	
Module: *Award in Criminal Law*	**Tuition Centre:** 21 Academy **Licence Number:** 2018-017
Level: Award MQF Level 5	**Student Name:**
Date:	**ID Number:** *<same no. submitted in student profile>*
Assignment Deadline: 28 January 2027	

Task

The purpose of this unit is to develop an understanding of a particular topic you will write about which forms part of Criminal Law.

Note

This assessment provides students with an opportunity to put into practice the relevant provisions of the law in relation to the topic they choose to write about forming part of Criminal Law.

Note

You should plan to spend approximately 20 hours researching each assignment question, preparing for and writing the assignment for assessment. The nominal word count for each assignment is 1,700 words.

*Please ensure that you refer to 21 Academy's **Assignment Guidelines** for comprehensive information regarding the submission of your assignment. Additionally, the assignment submission form must be included with your completed work, clearly indicating which question you have chosen to answer by ticking the box next to the question number.*

Choose and answer 2 (two) questions from the following:

☐ ***Question 1:***

A) Define "criminal liability" under Maltese law and explain the conditions that must be present for criminal liability to arise. Support your answer with relevant case law and legal principles.

B) Discuss the concept of "mens rea" (guilty mind) and "actus reus" (guilty act) as they relate to establishing criminal liability in Maltese law.

☐ ***Question 2:***

Analyse the objectives of punishment in Maltese criminal law. Discuss the main types of punishments available and the principles that guide sentencing decisions.

☐ ***Question 3:***

Analyse the elements required to establish criminal negligence under Maltese law. How does the prosecution prove these elements in a court of law?

☐ ***Question 4:***

A) Describe the main defences available in Maltese criminal law and discuss under what circumstances they can be successfully raised. Include self-defence, provocation, necessity, and any others recognized under Maltese law.

B) Discuss the role of intoxication as a defence in criminal cases in Malta. Under what conditions, if any, can intoxication serve as a valid defence?

Pass Mark - 50%	**Total Assignments Weighting - 100%**
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