

# Evidence

Monday 4 November 2025

2.30pm to 4.00pm

Candidates are required to answer TWO out of three questions.

**Candidates should note that in examination answers, they are expected to cite relevant authority.**

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### Question 1

Scott has been accused of a number of sexual offences against five women. The allegations span a period of ten years, starting in 2014 and concluding in 2024. Scott runs a talent agency, and used to advertise on posters and local. The complaints all arose when Scott was acting in his capacity as CEO and “all round big boss” of the talent agency. The accounts of the complainers reads as follows:

Complainer A reports that she contacted Scott after hearing his advert on a radio station, in January 2014. Complainer A, after a few months, found herself regularly being groped on the breasts and buttocks by Scott, as she rehearsed her songs with him in his office. Complainer A concluded that Scott was “all talk” and she left the agency. She did not report the fact that she was groped by Scott, until 2024 when she heard about the other incidents.

Complainer B reports that she contacted Scott after seeing his poster on a lamp post, in February 2017. Complainer B wanted to be a magician. After a lot of pressure from Scott, Complainer B would occasionally kiss Scott, and very occasionally have sex with him. Eventually, sometime in 2019, Scott becomes forceful with Complainer B, and when she tries to resist Scott’s advances, Scott overpowers her and rapes her. Complainer B attends the police station a few days later, and makes a statement. Police can find no corroboration of Complainer B’s account at this time, and no charges are proffered.

Complainer C reports that she contacted Scott in March 2019, seeking to be yet another singer. Complainer C reports that she was given ‘gigs’ at childrens’ birthday parties, and was regularly groped on the chest and buttocks by Scott, and that she always had to tell him to “knock it off” and “stop it”, but it got worse and worse until Scott grabbed her buttocks and pulled her towards him, and she had to break free and run out of his office. She ran out into the street, and out of breath, told a man passing by “That git in there, just grabbed my ass.”. She does not report it to the police until she hears of the other incidents, in 2024.

Complainer D reports that she contacted Scott in June 2023, seeking to be a singing magician’s assistant. Scott falls in love with Complainer D immediately, and kisses her the first moment he sees her walking into his office. He has sex with Complainer D on his desk.

Complainer E reports that she contacted Scott in July 2024. She wanted to be a ventriloquist. Complainer E reports that when she walked into Scott’s office for the first time, he seized her, pushed her onto the desk, and raped her. Complainer E reports that she escaped and ran out into the street. In tears, she found a passerby, and asked them to call the police, as she had just been raped.

## Question 2

What is a special knowledge confession'? What is the evidential significance of such a statement. Refer to authority.

## Question 3

What is the difference between primary and secondary hearsay? Are either admissible in court? Refer to authority.

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