Contracts Exam Notes

TIMELINE OF K

- 1. Has the K been formed? All elements satisfied
- 2. Checking that it's bind no vitiating factors in formatio
- 3. What performance is required? What are the terms of the Contract? What do they mean
- 4. Has the performance been rendered? Has the contract been performed? Discharged? Breached

If breached, what is the remedy?

Elements for Contract Formation.

- 1. offer and acceptance
- 3. Sufficiently complete and certain in terms
- 4. ITELR
- 5. Consideration

OFFER

A willingness to be bound by specific terms, if the other party is prepared to accept those terms that is assessed objectively based on – words, conduct, and circumstances – Carlil

How a R/P would interpret wording looking at ordinary meaning, 'may' meant offer not binding – Gibson v

Manchester

Offer must be a proposal that is able to be rejected or accepted – communication of <u>'command'</u> or <u>'promptly request'</u> may not be regarded as an offer – <u>Brambles Holdings v Bathurst</u>

An invitation to treat – invites further negotiation or offers

Shop displays – brochure – catalogues – newspapers – not offers, were standard advertisements – **Partridge v Crittendon**

Goods on display typically not offer – Pharmaceutical Society v Boots Cash Chemist

Exception –

Where wording in advertisement was a plain promise meant to be taken seriously – it is an offer – Carlil

Where ads outlines what who qualifies for the purchase – there is a willingness to be bound and is an offer – Leftkowitz v Great Minneapolis

UNILATTERAL OFFER

Occurs when one party offers to be bound to a conditional promise

e.g. offer of \$45 for return of lost dog

Offer is accepted by performing the act – and performance is all that is required –

There must be a relation of quid pro quo between the offeree's act and the offeror promise – test is whether the offeror has expressly or impliedly requested the doing of the act by the offeree – C/A held was a request – cant hold all statutory bodies to all requests – Australia Woollen Mills Pty v Commonwealth

AUCTIONS

Auctioneer's request for bids is a invitation to treat and bidding was an offer which could be withdrawn at any time before acceptance by the auctioneer's hammer –

And bidder is entitled to withdraw bid before it is accepted – Payne v Cave

No contractual claim can arise if auction is cancelled – Harris v Nickerson

Holding action without reserve did not constitute an offer and didn't bind the vendor to sell to the highest bidder - AGG Ltd v Mc Whirter 1977

"Without reserve" was an offer of a unilateral contract as D bound himself to sell to the highest bidder – *Warlow v Harrison* (1859)

TENDERS

At the time of advertising properties as an invitation to treat the council was making or expressing a willingness to be bound by stating the sale by ballot and offer was accepted when placing a bid – therefore cancelling the ballot was a breach – Markholm Construction Co Ltd v Wellinton CC

Invitation to submit tenders amounted to an offer capable of being accepted by submission of the highest bid and when the highest bid was accepted contract was completed – Harvela Investments Royal Trust

TICKET CASES

A ticket did not record the terms of an agreement but rather the terms of an offer and was accepted by conduct – MacRobertson Miller Airlines Services v

Commissioner of State Taxation

DURATION OF OFFER

Offeree could not accept the offeror's death where the offeree knew of the death prior to the accepting the offer – Fong v Chili

TERMINATION OF OFFER

INVITATIONS TO TREAT – NEG