

Unit 3 Controlled Assessment Booklet

AC3

AC3.1 and AC3.2

Safe verdicts

- ✓ Describe what this is
- ✓ Evidence/ court procedures

This is covered in your workbook and the presentation – just make sure you say what a SAFE verdict is, you don't need cite a case here:

In your own words:

- There must be sufficient evidence to convince a jury
- The evidence must be reliable, admissible, and credible.
- Court procedures, must have been followed been followed, that is the trial must be fair

Just verdict

- ✓ Describe what a just verdict is
- ✓ Fair/ deserved/ lawful

This is covered in your workbook and the presentation – just make sure you say what a JUST verdict is:

In your own words:

- Is Fair/deserved/lawful
- Use an example – a good very recent one is the example protestors who pulled down the statue of EDWARD COLSTON but were found not guilty of any charges

Unjust verdict to just verdict example 1 – Double Jeopardy- Billy Dunlop/ Ann Ming

- ✓ Describe how this was an unjust verdict and then became just
- ✓ Key terms: safe verdict/ unsafe verdict/ just verdict/ unjust verdict **in bold**

You can then go on to describe unjust verdict (by using examples)

- Billy Dunlop

Unjust verdict to a just verdict example 2 = Timothy Evans, David Butler, Stephen Lawrence> The Macpherson report

- ✓ Describe how this was an unjust verdict > just verdict
- ✓ Key terms: safe verdict/ unsafe verdict/ just verdict/ unjust verdict **in bold**

Here you identify a case where an UNJUST verdict became a JUST verdict

- One of best example is Stephen Lawrence but you could also use DEREK BENTLEY (who received a posthumous pardon)

Unsafe verdict & miscarriage of justice

- ✓ Describe what an unsafe verdict is
- ✓ How can this lead to a miscarriage of justice? / What is a MoJ

This is covered in your workbook and the presentation – just make sure you say what a SAFE verdict is, you don't need cite a case here:

In your own words:

- Explain makes a verdict unsafe
- The difference between an unsafe verdict and a miscarriage of justice (where a mistake is made – the wrong verdict)

Miscarriage of justice example 1 options: **Stefan Kiszko, Stephen Downing, Sean Hodgson, Birmingham six, Central Park 5**

- ✓ Describe why this was a miscarriage of justice
- ✓ Key terms: safe verdict/ unsafe verdict/ just verdict/ unjust verdict **in bold**
- Explain any of the above examples - (and say why it was a miscarriage of justice)

Miscarriage of justice example 2 options: Stefan Kiszko, Stephen Downing, Sean Hodgson, Birmingham six, central park 5

- ✓ Describe why this was a miscarriage of justice
- ✓ Key terms: safe verdict/ unsafe verdict/ just verdict/ unjust verdict **in bold**

- *Explain another case (and say why it was a miscarriage of justice)*

Just sentencing

- ✓ Describe this term
- ✓ Use key terms – the law / sentencing guidelines/ judicial discretion

You simply need to say what is meant by a JUST sentence – explain how judges arrive at a sentence (they don't just think one up on the spot)

- Key Words - the law / sentencing guidelines/ judicial discretion

Just sentencing – too lenient example 1

- ✓ Examples: ~~Derek Bentley~~/ John Dennis/ Mohammed Ghani, Robert Brown
- ✓ Key terms: safe verdict/ unsafe verdict/ just verdict/ unjust verdict **in bold**
- ✓ Explanations for sentencing.
- ✓ Too lenient why?

Explain of these cases – explain why the sentence was judged to be too lenient

You can use the examples of page 5 of your book (Ian Patterson/John Dennis) – these are good examples because the appeal court agreed the sentences were too lenient and increase them.

Explain another of these cases – explain why the sentence was judged to be too lenient

Just sentencing – too lenient example 2 ~~Change this word to HARSH~~

- ✓ Examples: ~~Derek Bentley/ John Dennis/ Mohammed Ghani, Robert Brown~~
- ✓ Key terms: safe verdict/ unsafe verdict/ just verdict/ unjust verdict
- ✓ Explanations for sentencing.
- ✓ Too ~~harsh~~ why?

Harsh Sentencing Example (1)

- Derek Bentley

Just sentencing – too harsh example 1

- ✓ Examples: London riots 2011
- ✓ Key terms: safe verdict/ unsafe verdict/ just verdict/ unjust verdict **in bold**
- ✓ Explanations for sentencing.
- ✓ Too harsh why? Any specific examples?

Harsh Sentencing Example (1)

- The UK/London Riots of 2011

Just sentencing – just right example

- ✓ Examples: **Larry Nassar**
- ✓ Key terms: safe verdict/ unsafe verdict/ just verdict/ unjust verdict
- ✓ Explanations for sentencing.
- ✓ Just right why? Any specific examples?

This is quite tricky all sentences are thought just when they are passed – some people with think them too harsh, others too lenient. A good one to use is

David March – Assisted Suicide

David March – why was this just right

The brief

- ✓ Now conclude and apply the brief- what verdict was given. Which of the following was it and why?
- ✓ What this a safe verdict? Look at the following...
- ✓ Evidence collected correctly? Processes in court followed? External influences (media)?
- ✓ Safe/ unsafe/ just/ unjust/ miscarriage of justice/ just sentencing