| FIRST YEAR WITNESS EXAMINATION SCORESHEET | 2024 |
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| Team Name:Representation: Witness Name:Barrister Name: | Judge: | Round: Date and Time:Room (If relevant):  |
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| 1. **OPENING STATEMENT:** 2 minutes
 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-8 | 9-10 | Score |
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| * Created a clear Case Theory
* Created a clear and persuasive narrative without simply recounting facts in the witness statement
* Identified key issues
* No argumentative tone or overstatement of evidence
* Stayed within the allocated time
* Signposted main arguments of case theory
 | Unconvincing  | Moderate | Good | Very Good | Excellent |  |
| Comments: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **EXAMINATION IN CHIEF**: 10 minutes
 | 1-4 | 5-8 | 9-12 | 13-16 | 17-20 | Score |
| * Evidence elicited in a **clear and logical sequence**
* Avoided leading questions
* Effectively directed the witness’ attention to matters of concern
* Used a variety of methods to elicit further detail when needed
* Avoided commenting on answers
* Avoided convoluted/indirect language
* Stayed within the allocated time
* Conversational style
 | Unconvincing  | Moderate | Good | Very Good | Excellent |  |
| Comments: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **CROSS EXAMINATION**: 11 minutes
 | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 | 21-25 | Score |
| * Asked clear and succinct questions
* Elicited evidence favourable to their case
* Obtained control of the witness through use of leading questions
* Avoided arguing with the witness or commenting on answers
* Stayed within the allocated time
* Obtained control of witness who was not directly answering questions without becoming aggressive or badgering
 | Unconvincing  | Moderate | Good | Very Good | Excellent |  |
| Comments: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **CLOSING STATEMENT:** 4 minutes
 | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-9 | 10-12 | 13-15 | Score |
| * Affirmed a clear Case Theory
* Focused on critical evidence, not irrelevant information
* Used evidence elicited during **oral testimony**
* Effectively draws together evidence and testimony
* Highlights evidence that supports own case theory and undermines opposition’s case theory
* **Complied with the *Browne v Dunn rule***
* Stayed within the allocated time
 | Unconvincing  | Moderate | Good | Very Good | Excellent |  |
| Comments: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **OBJECTIONS**
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Score |
| * Showing an understanding of appropriate grounds for objections
* Demonstrates confidence and proper manner of stating objections
* Responds well to objections from the opposing counsel
* Effective use of objections to protect witness where there are grounds to do so
* Attention to detail during opposing counsel’s chief and cross examination

NB: do not detract points for incorrect objections, unless it is evident that baseless objections are used to disrupt. If there are no relevant objections a score of 4 is appropriate.  | Unconvincing  | Moderate | Good | Very Good | Excellent |  |
| Comments: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **BARRISTER - MANNER AND EXPRESSION**
 | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-9 | 10-12 | 13-15 | Score |
| * Confident and effective
* Appropriate use of language and body language
* Engaged effectively with the court
* Asked clear and effective questions
* Responds effectively to questions from the bench
* Stayed within the allocated time
 | Unconvincing  | Moderate | Good | Very Good | Excellent |  |
| Comments: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **WITNESS - MANNER AND EXPRESSION**
 | 0 | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-8 | 9-10 | Score |
| * Appropriate use of language and body language
* Direct and relevant answers to questions posed
* Avoided quarreling with barrister
* Avoided making up facts that were not a reasonable extension of witness statement
* Presented evidence consistent with respective witness statement clearly and confidently
* Avoided looking at pre-prepared notes
 | Unconvincing  | Moderate | Good | Very Good | Excellent |  |
| Comments: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overall Comments: |
| **TOTAL SCORE: /100**  |