Faculty: Social Sciences  Course: Legal Studies  Year: 12

Assessment Task: ONE

Assessment Weighting: 20%  Due: Term 4  Week 7  Date: 28/11/2019

Task Type: Hand in Task ☒  In Class Task ☐  Practical Task ☐

Outcomes assessed (NESA)
H1, H2, H3, H5, H6, H7, h8, H9, H10

Task Description/Overview
Research the case of Kathleen Folbigg. To be handed in before school on Thursday 28 November via TURNITIN on Canvas by 8.25am

Detailed Assessment Task Description
Your research must include the following in detail:
1. Identify and define the crime she was charged with. (2m)
2. What elements need to be present for that crime? Explain and define those elements. (4m)
3. Why was she charged with a lesser crime for two of her children? (6m)
4. Discuss the differences in charges. (8m)
5. Discuss the court process of hearing the case; that is which courts heard the matter, was there a jury? (8m)
6. What evidence was presented to the court by the prosecution? (8m)
7. Who presented the evidence and what was their belief? (6m)
8. Explain the defence to the crime. (4m)
9. What evidence was presented to the court on behalf of Kathleen Folbigg? (4m)
10. List and explain the various types of defences for a criminal matter in NSW. Which of these applied to Kathleen Folbigg and explain why? (8m)
11. List and outline developments that have arisen in this case in 2018 to 2019? (6m)
12. “I have formed the view that an inquiry into Ms Folbigg’s convictions is necessary to ensure public confidence in the administration of justice”. Assess this statement regarding the purpose of the criminal justice system in NSW. (15m) This must be a minimum of 800 words

Your answer must be 2 000 to 3 000 words and demonstrate research. You are to present it as a report using the questions as your subheadings. Your text book will give you an introduction to questions 8 to 9, but further research is required.

NO CLASS TIME WILL BE GIVEN FOR RESEARCH.

Your research submission must the rules for ALL MY OWN WORK.
ANY PLAGARISM WILL RESULT IN A MARK OF ZERO BEING AWARDED.

In your answer you must refer to cases, legislation and media articles. A full bibliography is required. Any plagiarism will result in a mark of zero.
Your answer will be assessed on how well you:
• demonstrate knowledge and understanding of legal issues relevant to the question
- communicate using relevant legal terminology and concepts
- refer to relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents
- present a sustained, logical and cohesive response

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**Satisfactory completion of courses**

A course has been satisfactorily completed, when the student has:
- Followed the course developed/endorsed by the NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA)
- Applied himself/herself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course.
- Achieved some or all of the course outcomes