Consideration Contract Law – Daily Breakdown

Day 1 — Foundations of Consideration

Big Picture: "Sticker swap" idea (give-and-take).

Key Case: *Currie v Misa* (benefit/detriment definition).

Deeds: LP(MP)A 1989, s.1 (no consideration needed).

Kid version examples to simplify memory.

Day 2 — Time-Zones of Consideration

Executory, Executed, Past consideration.

Cases:

Roscorla v Thomas (past promise = no consideration).

Re McArdle (work done before promise not binding).

Lampleigh v Braithwaite; *Pao On v Lau Yiu Long* (past consideration exceptions).

Day 3 — Who Can Enforce & Adequacy vs Sufficiency

Rule: Consideration must move from the promisee.

Cases:

Tweddle v Atkinson, Dunlop v Selfridge.

Statute: Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

Adequacy vs Sufficiency:

Thomas v Thomas (£1 rent sufficient).

Chappell v Nestlé (wrappers counted).

White v Bluett (no real value).

Ward v Byham (childcare promise valid).

Day 4 — Existing Duties (Public & Contractual)

Public Duty:

Collins v Godefroy (not valid).

Glasbrook Bros v Glamorgan CC (extra duty valid).

Contractual Duties:

Stilk v Myrick (same duty = no consideration).

Hartley v Ponsonby (extra burden valid).

Williams v Roffey Bros (practical benefit test).

Duress Check: *Atlantic Baron.*

Day 5 — Part-Payment of Debt

Rule: Part-payment ≠ full satisfaction.

Cases:

Pinnel's Case, Foakes v Beer.

Hirachand v Temple (third-party payment).

Re Selectmove: no extension of *Williams v Roffey* to debt.

Day 6 — Promissory Estoppel

Doctrine: Shield, not a sword.

Cases:

Hughes v Metropolitan Railway (origins).

High Trees (temporary suspension).

Combe v Combe (not a sword).

D & C Builders v Rees (inequitable conduct blocks estoppel).

Collier v Wright (debtor reliance).

Key principle: Clear promise + reliance + inequity = estoppel.

Day 7 — Exam Revision & Problem Practice

Memory Hooks:

"Deal = Swap."

"Old help doesn't count unless asked."

"Tiny but real counts."

"Same duty no (Stilk), extra/practical benefit yes (Hartley/Williams)."

"Half payment no (Foakes) unless extra or estoppel."

Problem Question Practice: Marcus & Restaurant scenario in PDF (apply past consideration, adequacy/sufficiency, duties, estoppel).

MCQ Drill: Use the sample questions at the end of the PDF.