RIFT VALLEY UNIVERSITY

Assignment on business law for school of business

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Try all the question (holds 30%, 5point each).the answer of the questions should be made in handwritten sheet.

1. Ato “A” died thirty days before his wife “B” gave birth. Two hours after the birth of the child at Gandhi Hospital, the Doctor “C” predicted that the child would die within 18 (Eighteen) hours from the time of its birth. The child was taken home and unlike the doctor’s prediction, he was alive for 30 (Thirty) hours from the moment of his birth, by the time he died having fallen from the arms of a baby-sitter. Ato “A” doesn’t have another child. The issue of the child’s viability and his entitlement to inherit Ato A’s property has caused dispute between the deceased child’s mother and the parents of Ato “A”.

Qoustion:Do you think that the parents of ato “A” would be entitled to inherit the deceased child? Why?

2.Yosef went to Auto Company and asked to buy an automobile. Yosef had been the victim of a childhood disease and had grey hair and the general appearance of an old man. But in fact he was only thirteen years old. Yosef agreed to pay one-half of the purchase price of E$30000 immediately and the rest of the price at the end of the month. Auto Company delivered the care and the first time Yosef drove it he smashed it into a building. The automobile was demolished and was only worth E$5000 as scrap. Yosef‟s

tutor thereupon sued Auto Company in court, demanding that the $15000 paid by Yosef be repaid.

QUESTION:- Do you think that yosef’s tutor will succeed in the repayment of the claimed amount of money? Why?

3. When Bekele was 17 years old, he borrowed money from his friend‟s father of a friend. In spite of his youth, Bekele was a mature and experienced person, well able to take care of his own affairs. Nevertheless, he spent the money foolishly and then refused to pay it back on the grounds that he was a minor when he took the loan and that he, therefore; was not obligated to pay it back.

Question: What would be the fate of the contract between the contracting parties?

4. Tadesse was the son of a wealthy man. From his birth he had obvious mental defects. He could hardly speak. His father died when he was 5 years old and he inherited all of the property his father had owned, including a large herd of cattle. Tadesse was always uncomfortable with the people and preferred to go up in the hills with the cattle. Tadesse was married with the permission of the family council when he was 14 years old, and was divorced two years later. When he was seventeen, he was approached in the hills by a traveler who admired his cattle and offered to buy his prize bull for $ 400. The bull was worth 3 times that much, but Tadesse liked the stranger and sold the bull to him for the price offered.

Questions: Have Tadesse and the stranger made a valid contract why or why not?

5. Ato Haile lost a very valuable ring and put up a sign saying that he would pay $100 to anyone who found the ring and returned it to him. Ato Adenew saw this sign and began hunting for the ring. The next day, Ato Haile took down the sign. Two days later, Ato Adenew found the ring and took it to Ato

Haile. He asked to be paid $100, but Ato Haile replied that he had with drawn the offer. Questions: Do Ato Haile and Ato Adenew have a contract? Explain.

6.Explain the difference and similarity between ‘void and voidable contract.