

GCE

LAW: NECESSITY DEFENCES OF SELF DEFENCE, DURESS AND DURESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES

MISTAKE SUGGESTED IDEAS FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING



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Teacher /Lecturer:	
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Course:	A Level Law
Topic:	Necessity defences of self defence, duress and duress of circumstances
Session:	MISTAKE

Component:	A Level Components 2 and 3
Ref. to specification:	Criminal Law
Suggested time allocation:	2 –4 hours

Aims & Objectives: At the end of these sessions the student will be able to:

- Explain that mistake can only be used when it is a mistake of fact and not of law.
- Understand that the mistake must be both reasonable and genuine with reference to appropriate authority.
- Explain when the defence of mistake can be used.

Main Teaching and Learning Activities

Teacher/Lecturer Activities:

- Introduce the session with reference to aims and objectives set out above.
- PowerPoint presentation to explain the defence of mistake and how it can be used by defendants with reference to DPP -v- Morgan and Others (1976) and Williams (1987) – questions and answers throughout.
- Explain the issue of excessive force and the link with self-defence. Also link this session back to drunken mistake.

Student Activities:

- Take notes, ask and answer questions throughout presentation