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In this exam, 50% of each mark is given for your knowledge of the facts and 50% for your use of the English language.

I) COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES, DESCRIBING AMERICAN LAW AND POLITICS AND USE AT LEAST 10 WORDS. LIMIT YOUR ANSWERS TO ONE COMPLETE SENTENCE. (20 POINTS).

1. The Supreme Court...
2. While the CPS represents...
3. Since the UK has ratified the Convention on Human Rights...
4. Even though magistrates are not trained lawyers...
5. Pursuant to the Marriage Act (2013)...

I) TEXT 50 points

Read the following document and ANSWER each of the questions below (five lines maximum). USE YOUR OWN WORDS - DO NOT QUOTE THE TEXT!

Woman gives birth to own GRANDSON

The Mirror, 4 March 2015
By **Sam Relph**

The “highly unusual” arrangement is believed to be the first time it has happened in Britain.

A woman acted as a surrogate mother for a baby whose biological father is her adult son, in what is believed to be a UK first, it emerged last night.

The “highly unusual” arrangement was “entirely lawful”, a court decided.

The man, who is in his mid-20s and lives alone, had taken advice from specialist lawyers before “embarking” on the “process of becoming a father,” Mrs Justice Theis heard.

He had looked after the little boy - now seven months old - since birth.

And Mrs Justice Theis has ruled that he can adopt.

Detail of the case emerged last night in a written ruling by Mrs Justice Theis following a family

court hearing in London.

The judge said she had never encountered such a surrogacy arrangement before.

She said: "The arrangement the parties entered into is not one, as far as I am aware, that either this court or the clinic has previously encountered and although highly unusual, is entirely lawful under the relevant statutory provisions."

She said her paramount consideration had been the little boy's "lifelong welfare".

And she said allowing the man to adopt would provide "legal security" and meet the little boy's long-term welfare needs.

Mrs Justice Theis said the man's mother's husband had been supportive.

She said another family member had initially offered to be the surrogate but had to withdraw for medical reasons.

The man's mother - whose age was not revealed in the ruling - had then agreed to step in.

Mrs Justice Theis did not identify anyone involved.

"The papers show that for some considerable time he has wanted to be a father," she added.

"He waited until his circumstances were settled in terms of a job and home to enable him to provide the care a child would need.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/woman-gives-birth-grandson-5268773>

Questions

1. Describe the facts and parties in the case.
2. What is the legal issue before the court?
3. Which court heard the case and what was its decision? Why?

III) ESSAY: ANSWER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN TWO PAGES MAXIMUM. ANYTHING BEYOND THAT LIMIT WILL NOT BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. 50 points

1. Compare and contrast the laws regarding marriage and civil partnerships.
2. Explain what you know about civil courts in the UK.