STRATEGIC, PROFESSIONAL & LEGAL ISSUES

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Answer Question 1 and two other questions.

Question 1 is worth 40 marks.

Questions, 2, 3, and 4 are worth 30 marks each.
Q.1.  
(a) The Modern Irish Courts System is based on four main courts. With that aid of an appropriate diagram, write a full account of these courts.  

(b) Explain how appeals are handled by this Courts System.  

(c) In addition to the four main courts there are other less formal courts. Explain what these courts are and why they are less formal.  

Q.2.  
"We need professional people who are hard-wired to behave ethically, to think ethically, to act ethically, to respect the requirements of compliance, ... to see themselves as operating in the broad public interest."

(a) Using examples from the Information and Communications Technology sector, explain in detail what you understand by  
   i. Professional people  
   ii. Ethics  
   iii. Compliance  
   iv. Public interest  

(b) Professional bodies are typically self-policing. Discuss the merits or otherwise of this and suggest an alternative approach.  

(c) Your manager has asked you to complete a software intellectual property rights audit. Clarify what you would do.
Q.3. Ludgate Solutions are suppliers of IT systems and they have contracted with a multinational organisation to supply them with a new MIS system.

(a) Explain in detail the specific clauses you would include in this contract in order to protect both parties in the event of the project being cancelled? (9 marks)

(b) In addition to the specific clauses at (a) explain in detail the principal clauses that you would expect to be included in the contract. (21 marks)

Q.4. (a) Explain, using suitable examples, what you understand by the fixed assets and the current assets of an IT department. (8 marks)

(b) Show how you would calculate a chargeout rate for a staff member of this IT Department who earns 50,000 Euros per annum. (12 marks)

(c) Explain how the IT department manager might address the continuing professional training and development of IT staff. (10 marks)