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**Criminal Defences Case Studies**

**Types of Defences**

         Automatism

         Mistake of fact

         Consent

         Mistake of law

         Duress (compulsion)

         Necessity

         Entrapment

         Provocation

         Intoxication

         Self-defence

         Insanity (mental disorder)

**Assignment**

***1. You will choose three of the common defences*** to crime from the list above. Other defences in law exist and with your teacher’s consent you may select a defence not on the list.

Your task is to research the elements of the defence, using precedent setting case(s), and explain the function of the defence and its purpose.

**2.** You will prepare a report. The following guiding steps will assist you with the details of the research and criteria for the report.

* Prepare a clear and concise description of the legal elements of your defence, explaining how and when is it to be applied in case law?
* Explain how the defence is related to the legal requirements of mens rea or actus reus. Does the defence apply to the act or to the state of mind?
* If the accused is successful in application of the defence, what will be the net effect: acquittal, retrial, placed in indefinite custody or reduction of sentence to lesser charge? Explain.

**3**. Provide a proper MLA style bibliograpghy for your report.