

CNLU MEDIATION PROBLEM PRELIMS – 2
YARA – ELLARIA SEPARATION MEDIATION

- 1 **A.** Valhalla is an age old country with a rich mythological foundation. Valhalla’s mythology
2 believed in personal freedom and had considerable recognition to same gender relationship.
3 However, in 1600, the Kingdom of Westeros invaded Valhalla and made it its colony.
4 Kingdom of Westeros introduced its laws in Valhalla which included criminalisation of
5 physical relationship between two adults of same gender.
- 6 **B.** After a long fight for independence, Valhalla was finally independent in 1975 as a
7 parliamentary democratic republic. Valhalla was very much inspired by India and its
8 democratic structure and legal jurisprudence.
- 9 **C.** Yara Greyjoy and Ellaria Sand were schoolmates. Ellaria was believed to be a gifted artist
10 while Yara was praised for her hardworking and dedication. Moreover, both were regarded
11 as having progressive and modern mindset. Both were close to each other since childhood.
12 Afterwards, Ellaria chose to pursue a career in fashion designing while Yara decided to
13 pursue law.
- 14 **D.** On 06th September 2018, the Indian Supreme Court declared the law criminalising physical
15 relationship between adults of same gender as unconstitutional. Motivated by this, Yara
16 moved a petition before the Apex Court of Valhalla and in December 2018, the Apex Court
17 of Valhalla also declared the colonial aged law as unconstitutional.
- 18 **E.** Soon, thereafter, Ellaria addressed the national media and declared Yara and herself to be
19 couples. A mansion was purchased and was named *Winterfell*, and both started living
20 together. At this time, Yara adopted a girl and named her Nymeria. Ellaria, being talented
21 and gifted, started receiving offers from around the world for fashion designing while Yara’s
22 practice took a hit after the declaration made by Ellaria. In the end of March 2019, Ellaria
23 received an offer in Paris, France and as a result she moved there and obtained French
24 citizenship. Yara used to frequently visit her in France and both enjoyed touring around the
25 city. Considering France had better schooling, Yara agreed to send Nymeria to Paris for her
26 schooling and since April 2019 she too shifted to Paris to stay with Ellaria and Nymeria.
- 27 **F.** In June 2019, Yara came across a well-known political leader, Ragnar Lothbrok. As they
28 started spending more time together, they became quite close. Both were frequently posting
29 their pictures on social media which made Ellaria uncomfortable. As a surprise to her,
30 Ragnar and Yara announced their plans to get married on 15th July 2019. Agonised by this
31 news, Ellaria sent a legal notice to Yara against going ahead with the marriage without
32 annulling their relationship. Yara, categorically denied coming under any matrimonial

33 relationship with Ellaria. Further, Yara also asked Nymeria to return to Valhalla which
34 Ellaria refused. Ellaria instead asked Yara to vacate *Winterfell*.

35 **G.** The above news broke into media and started gaining enough attention. Ragnar asked Yara
36 to settle the dispute as it was hurting his reputation as a politician. Further, Ellaria was also
37 made subject to questioning by the national media of Valhalla which she was trying to avoid.
38 As a result, both Yara and Ellaria agreed to mediate their dispute on following issues:

- 39 i. Whether Yara and Ellaria were in a matrimonial relationship?
- 40 ii. Who should have the custody of Nymeria and possession of *Winterfell*?

41 **H.** Both the parties agreed to have their counsels represent their case and to mediate on their
42 behalf before the Mediators.