Worksheet 1:

Unit 2: Professional codes for legal practitioners

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1. Despite lofty ideals and strong disciplinary prescriptions there is criticism from both the side of the profession and the public against legal codes of ethics. Discuss. (see p. 32-33 of SG)

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2. List the core values in the make-up of a good lawyer.

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3. List the objectives of a Code of legal ethics.

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- 4. Define/explain the following concepts and provide examples if any:
 - a. Canons
 - b. Public-spiritedness
 - c. Ethical considerations
 - d. Disciplinary rules
 - e. Honest lawyer
 - f. Integrity
 - g. Deliberation
 - h. Intuition

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5. Is it immoral to choose the legal profession simply for the sake of money or prestige?

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6. Kronman in his article "Living in the law" states that to practice law well doesn't only require formal knowledge of the law, but certain qualities of mind and temperament. What are these qualities a lawyer should possess?

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- 7. With regards to section 7 of the Admission of Advocates Act 74 of 1974, answer the following questions:
 - a. Who may suspend advocates from practice and remove their names from the roll?
 - b. What are the correct procedures? (Refer to relevant case law)
 - c. On what grounds may an advocate be suspended?

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8. What legislation regulates the Ethics for attorneys and what does it govern?

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9. What is the aim of the rules laid down the various law societies?

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