

Thursday 19 January 2012 – Afternoon

AS GCE LAW

G151/01 English Legal System

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 16 page Answer Booklet
(sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 2 hours



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **four** questions, **at least** two from Section A and **at least** one from Section B.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- If you use additional sheets of paper, fasten these securely to the Answer Booklet.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **120**.
- Candidates are reminded of the need to write in continuous prose, where appropriate. In answering part **(b)** questions you will be assessed on the quality of your written communication (QWC) including your use of appropriate legal terminology. These questions are marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **four** questions.

Answer **at least** two from Section A and **at least** one from Section B.

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on each question, 20 minutes on **(a)** and 10 minutes on **(b)**.

SECTION A

Answer **at least** two questions from this section.

- 1 (a) Describe **and** illustrate the use of different methods of Alternative Dispute Resolution available to deal with civil cases. [18]
- (b)* Discuss the advantages **and** disadvantages of using mediation to solve civil disputes. [12]
- Total marks [30]**
- 2 (a) Describe the education and training of solicitors **and** the different types of work which they undertake. [18]
- (b)* Discuss whether the lack of availability of training contracts is the main problem with the education and training of solicitors. [12]
- Total marks [30]**
- 3 (a) Describe the different roles juries have in criminal **and** civil cases. [18]
- (b)* Discuss the advantages of using juries in **both** criminal **and** civil cases. [12]
- Total marks [30]**
- 4 (a) Describe the powers of the police **and** the rights of the individual during an arrest. [18]
- (b)* Discuss whether the rights of the individual are adequately protected during stop and search **and** arrest on the street. [12]
- Total marks [30]**
- 5 (a) Describe the different roles judges have at first instance in **both** civil **and** criminal courts. [18]
- (b)* Discuss whether the training of judges adequately prepares them for the various roles the job demands. [12]
- Total marks [30]**

SECTION B

Answer **at least** one question from this section.

- 6 (a) Describe the different custodial sentences available for adult **and** young offenders. [18]

(b)* Bryn, who is 17-years old, has been convicted of the serious offence of robbery. He has several previous convictions for theft and has previously been fined, given a supervision order and been subject to a curfew whilst electronically tagged.

Explain what factors are likely to be taken into account when sentencing Bryn **and** what sentence he is likely to be given. [12]

Total marks [30]

- 7 (a) Describe the various appeals **and** other mechanisms for challenging the outcome of a Crown Court trial. [18]

(b)* Lucas has been convicted at his trial in the Magistrates' court. He was sentenced to five months imprisonment. He wishes to appeal against his conviction as he believes the law on theft was not applied properly in his case. He also wishes to appeal against his sentence as he feels it was too harsh.

Explain the possible routes of appeal for Lucas. [12]

Total marks [30]

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