

ADVANCED GCE

LAW

Unit G153: Criminal Law

Specimen Paper

UNIT G153

Time: 2 hours

Additional materials:
Answer booklet (16 pages)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Complete the front page of the answer booklet as directed.
- Answer **three** questions, **one** from Section A, **one** from Section B and **one** from Section C.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your answer booklet.
- When answering the following questions you are required to demonstrate some synoptic thinking. In Section A this is achieved by relevant reference to precedent and/or statutory materials including the development of law and comments on justice or morality where appropriate. In Section B this is achieved by relevant use of precedent and/or statutory materials in the application of legal reasoning to given factual situations, including comment on the justice or morality of the outcome where appropriate. You are not required to demonstrate synoptic thinking in Section C.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The maximum mark for this paper is **120**.
- You are reminded of the need to write legibly and in continuous prose where appropriate. In Section A and Section B you will be assessed on your written communication and your use of appropriate legal terminology.
- The number of marks for each question is given in [] at the end of each question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Answer **three** questions.

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You are advised to spend 50 minutes on Section A, 50 minutes on Section B and 20 minutes on Section C.

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Discuss, in the light of the above statement, whether you agree that the creation of strict liability offences can ever be justified. **[50]**

- 2 Discuss whether the rules governing insanity as a defence in criminal law are in a satisfactory condition. **[50]**

- 3 Consider whether the current law relating to attempted crimes strikes the right balance between protecting society and convicting only those who deserve to be punished. **[50]**

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- 4 Victoria is the wife and assistant of a knife throwing expert, Carl. Both Carl and Victoria work for a circus. Carl is renowned for his hot temper and has recently been off work suffering from depression. Their act consists of Victoria being strapped to a board whilst Carl throws twenty knives all around her from a distance of five metres to within as little as ten centimetres of her body. They have been doing this for many years without a single mishap and Carl regards his technique as perfect. One evening, just before their act begins, Victoria tells Carl that she is having an affair with the lion tamer, Wayne. Carl is shocked and enraged but immediately the fanfare strikes up for the start of their act and Carl and Victoria enter the ring to start their performance. The third knife Carl throws goes straight into Victoria's heart, killing her instantly.

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- 5 Carol and Diana decide to go out 'clubbing' for the night. They meet at Carol's house and begin the evening by drinking half a bottle of vodka. They then go out and have some more drinks in a pub and they each take an ecstasy tablet which Diana has brought with her. As they are leaving the pub, Carol takes a leather jacket from the back of a chair, mistaking it for her own very similar jacket which she has, in fact, left at home. By the time that they arrive at the club, both girls are suffering from hallucinations. When the doorman, Barry, asks them for identity, Diana, who thinks Barry is an alien who wants to transport her to another planet, pokes him in the eye with her finger and then hits him over the head with her umbrella, knocking him unconscious.

Consider the offences that Carol and Diana may have committed and whether they may have any defences available to them.

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Discuss the liability of Fred and Hugh for Emma's death.

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Statement B: John is guilty of theft under S.1 Theft Act 1968.

Statement C: John is guilty of robbery under S.8 Theft Act 1968.

Statement D: John is guilty of burglary under S.9(1)(b) Theft Act 1968. **[20]**

- 8 Wayne is the captain of the Northport United football team. During an important match against their local rivals, Wayne is involved in a clash of heads in an incident with an opposing player, Andrew. Wayne receives a nasty bruise above his left eye and is badly concussed. Wayne insists on continuing after treatment with a cold sponge but is obviously still in a very dazed condition. A few minutes later Wayne jumps wildly into a foul tackle on Andrew. Andrew is carried off in agony and x-rays later reveal that he has a broken ankle.

Evaluate the accuracy of **each** of the four statements A, B, C and D individually, as they apply to the facts in the above scenario.

Statement A: Andrew is liable for ABH S.47 OAPA 1861 for the bruise suffered by Wayne.

Statement B: Wayne is liable for GBH S.18 OAPA 1861 for the broken ankle sustained by Andrew.

Statement C: Andrew has a defence of consent for any charge brought by Wayne.

Statement D: Wayne has a defence of automatism for any charge brought by Andrew. **[20]**

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Specimen Mark Scheme

This mark scheme must be used in conjunction with the Advanced GCE Law Assessment Grid.

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When using the mark scheme the points made are merely those that a well-prepared candidate would be likely to make. The cases cited in the scheme are not prescriptive and credit must be given for any relevant examples given. Similarly, candidates who make unexpected points, perhaps approaching the question from an unusual point of view, must be credited with all that is relevant. Candidates can score in the top bands without citing all the points suggested in the scheme. Answers which contain no relevant material at all, will receive no marks. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.

*This mark scheme contains indicative content but it is not exhaustive or prescriptive. It should be used alongside the matrix of levels of assessment and live exemplar standardisation scripts (which cover a range of responses identifying where within a level of assessment a particular response lies). Examiners are required to use the indicative content of the mark schemes **only** in conjunction with the matrix of levels of assessment as informed by actual responses in the standardisation scripts. Examiners should not be drawn prescriptively and quantitatively to the content of the mark scheme when marking candidates' responses and should follow the specific guidance provided by the Principal Examiner in terms of breadth and depth of responses. Appropriate credit will be given for non-standard answers.*

This mark scheme consists of 13 printed pages.

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7 cont'd	<p>Assessment Objective 2</p> <p>Statement A: John is guilty of burglary under S.9(1)(a) Theft Act 1968.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify that John enters the supermarket as a trespasser because he is exceeding the permission granted to shoppers to enter the supermarket <i>Jones and Smith</i>. John has the intention to steal when he enters the supermarket and is guilty at that point of entry of a S.9(1)(a) burglary even if he steals nothing. John is also potentially guilty of a S.9(1)(a) burglary when he enters the manager's office as a trespasser with a conditional intent to steal anything of value <i>A-G's Ref Nos. 1 and 2 of 1979</i>. Conclude that John is guilty of S.9(1)(a) burglary. <p>Statement B: John is guilty under S.1 Theft Act 1968.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify that John probably does not commit theft when he picks up the wallet as there is no apparent intention to permanently deprive the owner of it S.6 Theft Act 1968. Identify that in any event John is clearly guilty of the full offence of theft when he takes the £20 note; S.1 Theft Act 1968. He is clearly dishonest and cannot argue that it has been abandoned by the rightful owner and cannot claim to be an 'honest finder' in these circumstances. Conclude that John is guilty of the full offence of theft. <p>Statement C: John is guilty of robbery under S.8 Theft Act 1968.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify that robbery is defined in S.8 Theft Act 1968 as the use of force or the threat of force in order to steal. Identify that when he 'pushes Sue aside' John is clearly using force. Identify that the force must be 'immediately before or at the time of stealing'. Identify that theft may be viewed as a 'continuing offence' – <i>Hale, Lockley</i>. Conclude that John is almost certainly guilty of robbery. <p>Statement D: John is guilty of burglary under S.9(1)(b) Theft Act 1968.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify that a person commits a S.9(1)(b) burglary when 'having entered as a trespasser' he goes on to steal. Reason that although John may try to argue he is not yet a trespasser in the supermarket as his intention to steal is a secret one he certainly enters a 'part of a building' as trespasser when he enters the manager's office <i>Walkington</i>. Conclude that when he steals the £20 note he is guilty of a S.9(1)(b) burglary offence. 	[20]

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8	<p>Wayne is the captain of the Northport United football team. During an important match against their local rivals, Wayne is involved in a clash of heads in an incident with an opposing player, Andrew. Wayne receives a nasty bruise above his left eye and is badly concussed. Wayne insists on continuing after treatment with a cold sponge but is obviously still in a very dazed condition. A few minutes later Wayne jumps wildly into a foul tackle on Andrew. Andrew is carried off in agony and x-rays later reveal that he has a broken ankle.</p> <p>Evaluate the accuracy of <u>each</u> of the four statements A, B, C and D individually, as they apply to the facts in the above scenario.</p> <p>Mark Levels AO2</p> <p>Level 5 17-20 Level 4 13-16 Level 3 9-12 Level 2 5-8 Level 1 1-4</p> <p>Potential answers MAY:</p> <p>Assessment Objective 2</p> <p>Statement A: Andrew is liable for ABH S.47 OAPA 1861 for the bruise suffered by Wayne.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reason that a bruise may amount to an assault occasioning actual bodily harm contrary to S.47 Offences Against the Person Act 1861. Consider whether it satisfies the test of 'interfering with the health and comfort of the victim – <i>Miller</i>. Consider whether Andrew has caused the injury either recklessly or intentionally. Conclude that, in either case, Andrew may be liable as S.47 may be committed on proof of at least subjective recklessness in the <i>Cunningham</i> sense. 	

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8 cont'd	<p>Statement B: Wayne is liable for GBH S.18 OAPA 1861 for the broken ankle sustained by Andrew.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reason that a broken ankle may amount to 'serious harm' and could be charged under either S.18 or S.20 Offences Against the Person Act 1861. Consider the possibility that Wayne has caused the injury either recklessly or intentionally. Conclude that if it is 'reckless' it satisfies the definition in S.20 of 'maliciously' inflicting serious harm. If it is intentional then Wayne may be liable for a S.18 offence. <p>Statement C: Andrew has a defence of consent for any charge brought by Wayne.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reason that consent may be available as a defence. Explain that physical contact sports are an exception to the rule that consent is not available to harm above the level of common assault – <i>A-G's Ref No.6 1980</i>. Consider that Andrew will only be liable if he caused Wayne's injuries 'outside the rules of the sport' either intentionally or recklessly. Conclude that Andrew has a potential defence of consent. <p>Statement D: Wayne has a defence of automatism for any charge brought by Andrew.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reason that automatism may be available as a defence for Wayne. Explain that automatism is a defence for acts done by the muscles with no control by the mind. Identify that the blow to the head is an external factor. Conclude that Wayne has a potential defence of automatism if his acts were as a result of his concussion and not intentional or reckless – <i>Bratty</i>. 	[20]
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Advanced GCE Law Levels of Assessment

There are **five** levels of assessment of AOs 1 and 2 in the A2 units. The first four levels are very similar to the four levels for AS units. The addition of a fifth level reflects the expectation of higher achievement by candidates at the end of a two-year course of study. There are **four** levels of assessment of AO3 in the A2 units. The requirements and number of levels differ between AS and A2 units to reflect the expectation of higher achievement by candidates at the end of a two-year course of study.

Level	Assessment Objective 1	Assessment Objective 2	Assessment Objective 3 (includes QWC)
5	Wide ranging, accurate, detailed knowledge with a clear and confident understanding of the relevant concepts and principles. Where appropriate candidates will be able to elaborate with wide citation of relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to identify correctly the relevant and important points of criticism showing good understanding of current debate and proposals for reform or identify all of the relevant points of law in issue. A high level of ability to develop arguments or apply points of law accurately and pertinently to a given factual situation, and reach a cogent, logical and well-informed conclusion.	
4	Good, well-developed knowledge with a clear understanding of the relevant concepts and principles. Where appropriate candidates will be able to elaborate by good citation to relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to identify and analyse issues central to the question showing some understanding of current debate and proposals for reform or identify most of the relevant points of law in issue. Ability to develop clear arguments or apply points of law clearly to a given factual situation, and reach a sensible and informed conclusion.	An accomplished presentation of logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a very clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.
3	Adequate knowledge showing reasonable understanding of the relevant concepts and principles. Where appropriate candidates will be able to elaborate with some citation of relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to analyse most of the more obvious points central to the question or identify the main points of law in issue. Ability to develop arguments or apply points of law mechanically to a given factual situation, and reach a conclusion.	A good ability to present logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.
2	Limited knowledge showing general understanding of the relevant concepts and principles. There will be some elaboration of the principles, and where appropriate with limited reference to relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to explain some of the more obvious points central to the question or identify some of the points of law in issue. A limited ability to produce arguments based on their material or limited ability to apply points of law to a given factual situation but without a clear focus or conclusion.	An adequate ability to present logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a reasonably clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.
1	Very limited knowledge of the basic concepts and principles. There will be limited points of detail, but accurate citation of relevant statutes and case-law will not be expected.	Ability to explain at least one of the simpler points central to the question or identify at least one of the points of law in issue. The approach may be uncritical and/or unselective.	A limited attempt to present logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a limited manner using some appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.