



**General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced**

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**LAW – LW1
THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF
ENGLAND AND WALES**

P.M. MONDAY, 14 January 2008
(45 minutes)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need an 8 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

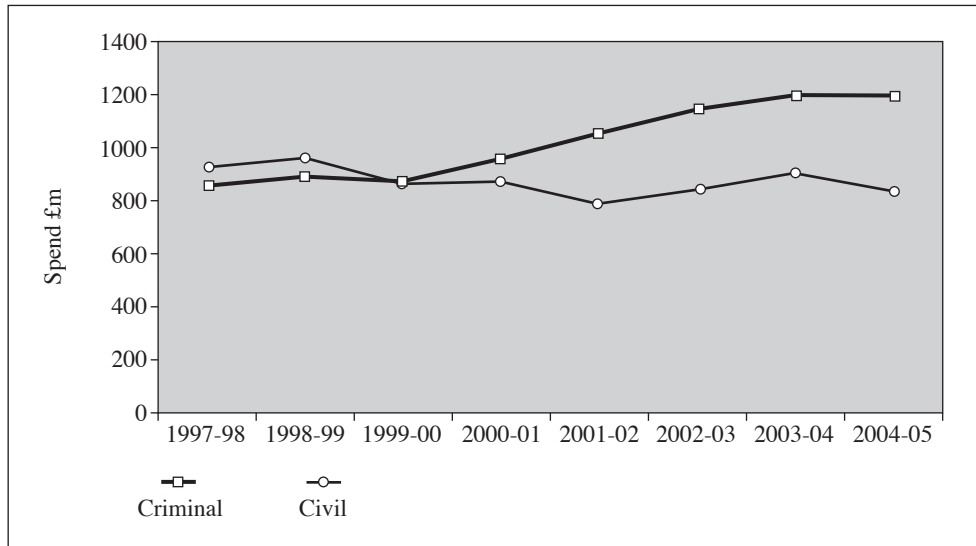
- Candidates are required to answer **one** question only.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- Each question carries 25 marks.
- Candidates are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. The quality of written communication will be assessed in all answers.

Answer one question.

1. Examine the graph carefully before answering the questions based on it.



Source: Legal Services Commission/Department for Constitutional Affairs

- (a) Identify and explain the trends in civil and criminal legal aid. [3]
- (b) To what extent has legal aid been reformed? [7]
- (c) How successful has the reform of legal aid been in dealing with unmet legal need? [15]

2. Read the following extract carefully before answering the questions based on it.

“In recent years there has been, both in this country and overseas, a growth in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and an increasing recognition of its contribution to the fair, appropriate and effective resolution of civil disputes. The fact that litigation is not the only means of achieving this aim, and may not in all cases be the best, is my main reason for including ADR in an inquiry whose central focus is on improving access to justice through the courts. My second reason is to increase awareness still further, among the legal profession and the general public, of what ADR has to offer. Finally, it is also desirable to consider whether the various forms of ADR have any lessons to offer the courts in terms of practices and procedures.”

Source: *Lord Woolf, Access to Justice Interim Report* (1995)

With respect to the above extract answer the following questions.

- (a) What is meant by ADR? [3]
- (b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of ADR? [7]
- (c) Discuss the effect of the changes introduced to Civil Procedure Rules by Lord Woolf. [15]