



**GCE A level**

485/02

**LAW - LW5**

**OPTION 02**

**CRIMINAL LAW AND JUSTICE**

A.M. MONDAY, 16 June 2008

1 ½ hours

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Candidates are required to answer **two** out of **six** questions.

**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.

**Option 02 Criminal Law and Justice**

*Answer two out of the six questions.*

1. “The courts in recent years have developed a clear set of principles for deciding whether an offence should be one of strict liability.” Discuss. [25]
  
2. Consider whether the law relating to bail places too much emphasis upon protecting the public and not enough emphasis on the presumption of innocence. [25]
  
3. Discuss whether the sentencing options for dealing with young offenders achieve a satisfactory balance between punishment and rehabilitation. [25]
  
4. “In spite of certain shortcomings, the Crown Prosecution Service has changed the criminal justice system of England and Wales for the better.” Discuss. [25]
  
5. To what extent has the introduction of the Independent Police Complaints Commission improved the system for bringing complaints against the police? [25]
  
6. How far have the courts been willing to go in recognising the defences of duress and necessity? [25]