



GCE A level

486/02

LAW - LW6

OPTION 02

CRIMINAL LAW AND JUSTICE

P.M. FRIDAY, 20 June 2008

1 hour

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Candidates are required to answer this compulsory question.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The 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.

Candidates are reminded that this paper is designed to test knowledge and skills developed from the study of all areas within AS and the A2 elected option. Candidates should bear this in mind when answering this synoptic question.

Option 02 – Criminal Law and Justice

Answer **all** parts of the following question. All parts carry equal marks.

Read the following source material carefully before answering the questions based upon it.

Kenan was walking home when he saw a burly man chasing a young girl along the street. As Kenan watched, the man grabbed hold of the girl, punched her in the face and twisted her arm behind her back. Horrified, Kenan ran over and wrestled with the man until he let the girl go. As the girl ran off, a police car containing two officers pulled up. The officers jumped out and bundled Kenan into the back of the car. Kenan asked what was happening, to which one of the officers replied: “We’re keeping the streets safe from people like you”. Kenan was driven to the police station, where he was placed in a cell. Kenan asked to be allowed to telephone his wife and speak to a solicitor, but was told he would have to wait until the superintendent in charge of the police station had time to consider his requests. After Kenan had spent more than 24 hours in the cell, he was taken to be interviewed. It turned out that the man Kenan had wrestled with was a security guard working for a supermarket, and that the girl he was chasing was a suspected shoplifter. The police told Kenan that the man had suffered a broken rib during the incident, and that Kenan was to be charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

- (a) Advise Kenan as to whether his rights as a suspect were respected by the police. [5]
- (b) Explain to Kenan who decides whether a person should be prosecuted, and what criteria are used in making that decision. [5]
- (c) Kenan is concerned about the funding of his case. Explain the provisions available to him. [5]
- (d) Consider what defences, if any, may be available to Kenan in view of the circumstances which led him to attack the man. [5]
- (e) Explain to Kenan how he can appeal against his conviction and sentence if the jury should find him guilty. [5]