



GCE AS/A level

1251/01

LAW – LA1

**UNIT 1: UNDERSTANDING LEGAL
VALUES, STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES**

P.M. THURSDAY, 24 May 2012

1½ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 25 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

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Answer two questions.

1. (a) Explain the importance of the jury system on the law of England and Wales. [14]
(b) Discuss the role of lawyers, judges and police as jurors. [11]

2. (a) Explain what is meant by the Rule of Law. [14]
(b) Discuss the impact of the Human Rights Act 1998 on the legal system of England and Wales. [11]

3. (a) Explain the Civil Court structure and appeal process. [14]
(b) Discuss the application of equitable remedies in the civil law of England and Wales. [11]

4. (a) Explain the role of the Criminal Defence Service. [14]
(b) Discuss the need to reform Legal Aid. [11]

5. (a) Explain how the European Court of Justice operates. [14]
(b) Discuss the role of the European Commission in the development of EU law. [11]

6. (a) Explain the problems with the Civil Justice system in England and Wales that led to the need for reform. [14]
(b) Discuss the extent to which the reforms have been successful. [11]