

Suggested Scheme of Work

Sources of Law G142

This is merely a suggestion as to the order of topics to be covered and also includes examples of classroom activities and internal assessments.

Content	Activities/Methods	Internal Assessment
Week 1:		
Introduction to Sources	Sources Paper sample exercise	Key terms test
Introduction to the system of precedent	Power point – historical development and importance	
Precedent key terms	Case samples – Donoghue v Stevenson and Re S	
Understanding cases	Definitions worksheet	
Week 2:		Court structure test
Court structure overview	Court structure exercise	
Operation of precedent in the courts	Who binds who exercise	
Question B technique	Card sort on court structure	
	2 Sources papers question B	

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Week 3:		
House of Lords and the Practice Statement Question C technique AO2 issues	Timeline Practice Statement Key cases research Intranet practice statement multi choice Marking exercise question C Dialogue advantages and disadvantages of Practice Statement	Question C test
Week 4:		
Court of Appeal and precedent Lord Denning and precedent Methods of avoiding precedents Advantages disadvantages of precedent	Key cases to research Application questions on Court of Appeal Group discussion advantages and disadvantages Question A marking exercise	Research on advantages and disadvantages for group discussion
Week 5:		
Statutory Interpretation – what it is Problems in producing a piece of legislation Different approaches to SI Question B technique for SI	Students to produce their own definitions of SI Group work: interpreting statutes Whole class discussion of problems in writing a law The three rules of SI – strengths and weaknesses, key cases exercise	Precedent source test with peer assessment

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Week 6:		
Statutory Interpretation; literal v purposive approaches Rules of language Intrinsic aids Extrinsic aids	Cardsort - literal v purposive Explanation of differences between purposive approach and mischief rule Notes on rules of language Types of help available to judges when interpreting statutes –what problems do they face Deegan exercise Group work model answers to past A and C questions	Produce SI concept map
Week 7:		
Parliamentary law making – comparison with precedent Stages in the legislative process Problems in the law making process	Video Parliamentary process Discussion on which is the best process for making law: judicial or parliamentary Flowchart on the stages of the legislative process Evaluation of why there are so many stages Criticisms of the Parliamentary process worksheet	Internet research current bills and green and white papers Produce written criticism of different methods of reform
Law Reform	Discussion on different methods of law reform e.g. parliamentary, judicial – also effects of pressure from outside groups and individuals; role of Law Commission	

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Week 8:		
Delegated legislation –definition Significance of delegated legislation Need for delegated legislation Types of delegated legislation Question B technique	Explanation of how delegated legislation differs from other legislation Past papers question B Posters advantages and disadvantages of delegated legislation in modern society Statutory Instruments, Orders in Council, By Laws worksheet	Presentation on types and needs of delegated legislation
Week 9:		
Control of delegated legislation methods and criticisms Scenario questions on delegated legislation Practice exam Source question – using source evidence and their own knowledge	Notes on various methods of parliamentary control Historical development of the Common Law How effective is control of delegated legislation? Use of Sources workbook Philip Allen	Sample paper - questions Ci and Cii
Week 10:		
European Law Significance of European law Key institutions How European law is made	Jigsaw exercise institutions Relationship of EU law to the English system Note making – Council of Ministers and the European Council, key role of the Commission, attempts to increase the power of the Parliament	Internet exercise research background and development of the EU

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Week 11:		
European treaties Regulations and Directives Other types EU law	Note making on the significance of treaties Source exercise on Van Duyn v Home Office Definitions of regulations and directives Horizontal and vertical effect of directives exercise	Sample paper - questions A and B
Week 12:		
European cases – link and reinforce work on institutions and types of law Sovereignty	Research on key cases in European law – case facts and principles Grouping of key cases into headings relating to institutions and types of law Group discussion on the power of EU law and its relation to the sovereignty of the UK – AO2 comments	End of unit test