

ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY GCE

LAW

Unit G151: English Legal System

Specimen Paper

Additional materials: Answer booklet (16 pages)



UNIT G151

Time: 2 hours



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Complete the front page of the answer booklet as directed.
- Answer four questions, at least two from Section A and at least one from Section B.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your answer booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The maximum mark for this paper is 120.
- You are reminded of the need to write legibly and in continuous prose where appropriate. In answering the part 'b'
 of every question you will be assessed on your written communication and your use of appropriate legal
 terminology.
- The number of marks for each question is given in [] at the end of each question or part of question.

ADVICE TO CANDIDATES

• Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

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	Answer four questions.	
	At least two from Section A and at least one from Section B.	
	SECTION A	
	Answer at least two questions from this section.	
(a)	Describe the sentences available for adult offenders.	[18]
(b)	Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of custodial sentences.	[12]
(a)	Explain the role of juries in both criminal cases and civil cases.	[18]
(b)	Discuss the arguments for abolishing juries.	[12]
(a)	Describe the current system for granting or refusing bail.	[18]
(b)	Discuss whether the criteria used by the police or the courts when granting or refusing bai satisfactory.	l are [12]
(a)	Describe the different methods of Alternative Dispute Resolution available to deal with disputes.	civil [18]
(b)	Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using Alternative Dispute Resolution.	[12]
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SECTION B

Answer at least one question from this section.

6 (a) Describe the powers the police have to stop and search an individual on the street. [18]

Tyrone, aged 16, has missed the last bus and has to walk home. It is 2am and a police officer driving past in a police car sees Tyrone and stops. The police officer tells Tyrone to empty his pockets and Tyrone refuses. The police officer then grabs Tyrone's shoulder, pushes him into the police car and takes him to the local police station.

- (b) Advise Tyrone on whether the police officer acted lawfully with regard to stop and search and the arrest. [12]
- 7 (a) Describe the types of public funding available for advice and representation in a criminal case. [18]

Jane is a bank clerk and has been arrested on suspicion of stealing £10 000 from her employer.

(b) Explain to Jane what problems she might encounter with the public funding of her defence.[12]

Paper Total [120]



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Specimen Mark Scheme

This mark scheme must be used in conjunction with the Advanced Subsidiary GCE Law Assessment Grid.

When using the mark scheme the points made are merely those that a well-prepared candidate would be likely to make. The cases cited in the scheme are not prescriptive and credit must be given for any relevant examples given. Similarly, candidates who make unexpected points, perhaps approaching the question from an unusual point of view, must be credited with all that is relevant. Candidates can score in the top bands without citing all the points suggested in the scheme. Answers, which contain no relevant material at all, will receive no marks. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.

This mark scheme contains indicative content but it is not exhaustive or prescriptive. It should be used alongside the matrix of levels of assessment and live exemplar standardisation scripts (which cover a range of responses identifying where within a level of assessment a particular response lies). Examiners are required to use the indicative content of the mark schemes **only** in conjunction with the matrix of levels of assessment as informed by actual responses in the standardisation scripts. Examiners should not be drawn prescriptively and quantitatively to the content of the mark scheme when marking candidates' responses and should follow the specific guidance provided by the Principal Examiner in terms of breadth and depth of responses. Appropriate credit will be given for non-standard answers.

SECTION	Α		
Question Number		Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	Describe the se	ntences available for <u>adult</u> offenders.	
	Mark Levels	A01	
	Level 4	15-18	
	Level 3	11-14	
	Level 2	6-10	
	Level 1	1-5	
	Potential answer	s MAY include:	
	Assessment Ob	ojective 1	
	Demonstrate kno	owledge of the sentences available to the courts under the nal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 and the Criminal Justice Act	
	e.g. firearms o new indetermin extended sent custody plus – intermittent cu days in custod	years; ionary or mandatory with minimum sentences for certain crimes offences; nate sentence for public protection; ences for certain violent or sexual offences; - short period of custody followed by longer period on licence; stody – sentence between 26 and 51 weeks must serve 14-90	
	include a rang unpaid wo supervisio probation drug treat curfew red	community order' under Criminal Justice Act 2003 which can e of requirements: ork requirement – unpaid work in the community (40-300 hours); on requirement – the offender is put under the supervision of a	
	 Fines – will de 	pend upon the defendant's ability to pay.	
	 Conditional dis re-offend durin 	scharge for a period up to 3 years on condition offender does not ng that period.	
	 Absolute disch 	narge.	
		sentences or possible community requirements will be credited. e given for details of sentences.	[18]

Question				Answer	Max	
Number					Mark	
1(b)	Discuss the a	dvantage	s <u>and</u> disa	idvantages of custodial sentences.		
	Mark Levels	AO2	AO3			
	Level 4	8-9	-			
	Level 3	6-7	3			
	Level 2	4-5	2			
	Level 1	1-3	1			
	Potential answ	ers MAY:				
	Assessment C	Objective	2			
		on – most		us criminals as they cannot commit crime only in prison for a limited period so this has		
		n in some	prisons su	s opportunities to rehabilitate offenders – this ch as Long Lartin but is limited due to lack of		
	Justice Act 2	2003 – ma .g. mental	ny who are ly ill, childro	e really necessary as stated in the Criminal e in prison however should be dealt with en, drug offenders, trivial shoplifters and those		
				000 per year per prisoner and lead to other down and unemployment.		
				as guilty as the families of prisoners suffer s well as relationship breakdown.		
	 Prison condi of suicide. 	tions are	very poor ir	n many prisons which lead to an increased risk		
				by more that 50% in last ten years and is pean country.		
	Assessment Objective 3					
	÷		•	nents and communicate relevant material in a propriate legal terminology.		
	Reward gramn	nar, spellii	ng and pun	ctuation.	[12]	
				Total marks	[30]	

Question Number		Answer	Max Mark		
2(a)	Explain the rol	e of juries in <u>both</u> criminal cases and <u>civil</u> cases.			
	Mark Levels	A01			
	Level 4	15-18			
	Level 3	11-14			
	Level 2	6-10			
	Level 1	1-5			
	Potential answe	ers MAY:			
	Assessment O				
	Demonstrate knowledge of the role of juries in criminal cases:				
	Only sit in Crown Court; identify that juries only sit on limited cases.				
	 Hear indictab pleads not gu 	le offences and some either way offences where defendant ilty.			
		evidence and decide whether defendant is guilty or not guilty ge's definition of the law, usually unanimous (but may be majority).			
	May be direct	ted by judge to find the defendant not guilty.			
	 Identify that the second second	he jury's role is to bring layman's viewpoint to case.			
	Demonstrate kn	nowledge of the role of juries in civil cases:			
	Sit in High Co	ourt and occasionally in County Court.			
	malicious pro	right to jury trial in cases of defamation, false imprisonment, secution and (civil) fraud although judge can refuse if it is an se and claimant can ask to be tried by a judge.			
	Decide both li	iability and amount of award.	[18]		
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SECTION	A [continued]							
Question Number				Answer	Max Mark			
2(b)	Discuss the a	Discuss the arguments for abolishing juries.						
	Mark Levels	AO2	AO3					
	Level 4	8-9	-					
	Level 3	6-7	3					
	Level 2	4-5	2					
	Level 1	1-3	1					
	Potential answ	ers MAY:						
	Assessment C	Objective	2					
	Discuss argum	ents for a	bolishing j	juries:				
	 No selection 	, no minin	num educa	ational standards (Naman PC).				
	Too many pe	eople opt	out, may b	be the more competent.				
	 Trials may b understandir 		cult to und	erstand, 10% jurors admit having difficulty				
	 12 too many 	for produ	ctive discu	ussion.				
	Time consur	ning and o	costly.					
	 Inconvenien 	t for jurors	, who may	y also lose money.				
	 Research sh 	lows doub	ts about 5	5% of jury convictions.				
	 Possibility of 	bias, mo	re dubious	s convictions when minority ethnic defendant.				
	 Possibility of 	ⁱ media int	luence (V	Vest, Taylor, Huntley).				
	 No way of kr 	nowing wh	ether a re	easoned decision was reached (Young).				
	Credit knowled	lge of Aulo	d report ai	nd changes in the Criminal Justice Act 2003.				
	Assessment (Objective	3					
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		•	ments and communicate relevant material in a appropriate legal terminology.				
	Reward gramn	nar, spellii	ng and pu	nctuation.	[12]			
				Total marks	[30]			

SECTION	A [continued]	
Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
3(a)	Describe the current system for granting or refusing bail.	
	Mark Levels AO1	
	Level 4 15-18	
	Level 3 11-14	
	Level 2 6-10	
	Level 1 1-5	
	Potential answers MAY:	
	Assessment Objective 1	
	Identify that bail enables a defendant to remain at liberty until the next stage of their case.	
	Show a clear understanding that both police and magistrates can grant bail. Show a clear understanding of the powers of the magistrates' court.	
	Demonstrate a clear understanding of unconditional and conditional bail, and the types of conditions that may be imposed on a defendant including sureties.	
	Demonstrate a clear understanding of the Bail Act 1976 and subsequent amendments in the Bail (Amendment) Act 1993 and the Crime and Disorder Act 1998:	
	General right to bail.	
	 Reasons for refusing bail e.g. failure to surrender to custody, likely to commit further offences or interfere with the course of justice. 	
	 Factors to be taken into account including: nature and seriousness of offence, antecedents of defendant, previous bail record, strength of evidence against defendant. 	
	• Bail only granted in exceptional circumstances for murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, rape or attempted rape if the defendant has already served a custodial sentence for such a crime.	
	Candidates may also mention the process involved in making renewed applications and an appeal against a rejected bail application by the defendant but it is not necessary for full marks.	[18]

Question Number				Answer	Max Mark	
3(b)	Discuss whet or refusing ba			by the police or the courts when granting		
	Mark Levels	AO2	AO3			
	Level 4	8-9	-			
	Level 3	6-7	3			
	Level 2	4-5	2			
	Level 1	1-3	1			
	Potential answers MAY:					
	Assessment Objective 2					
	Identify that bail enables a defendant to remain at liberty until the next stage of their case and comment on the need to balance the rights of the individual to remain at liberty prior to their trial and the right of the public to be protected from offenders.					
	Comment on the general right to bail.					
	• Comment on the reasons for refusing bail e.g. failure to surrender to custody, likely to commit further offences or interfere with the course of justice.					
	 Comment on the factors to be taken into account including: nature and seriousness of offence, antecedents of defendant, previous bail record, strength of evidence against defendant. 					
	murder, atte	mpted mu	rder, mansl	only granted in exceptional circumstances for aughter, rape or attempted rape if the ustodial sentence for such a crime.		
	Assessment Objective 3					
			•	iments and communicate relevant material in g appropriate legal terminology.		
	Reward grai				[12]	

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
4(a)	Describe the different methods of Alternative Dispute Resolution available to deal with civil disputes.	
	Mark Levels AO1	
	Level 4 15-18	
	Level 3 11-14	
	Level 2 6-10	
	Level 1 1-5	
	Potential answers MAY include:	
	Assessment Objective 1	
	 Mediation – neutral person helps parties reach a compromise solution; mediator does not offer an opinion. 	
	 Conciliation – conciliator goes beyond mediation in that they have the power to suggest grounds for compromise or a settlement. 	
	 Mediation and conciliation both allow the parties to have control over the resolution process as they can withdraw at any time and a resolution to the dispute cannot be imposed on them as they must agree to it. 	
	• Arbitration – both parties voluntarily agree to let their dispute be left to the judgment of an arbitrator or a panel of arbitrators who is neutral. Agreements to arbitration are governed by the Arbitration Act 1996 and are usually in writing. Agreement to go to arbitration can be made before a dispute arises (usually by a <i>Scott v Avery</i> clause in a contract). Agreement will either name an arbitrator or provide a method for choosing one. A court may also appoint an arbitrator. The parties agree the procedure for hearings and this ranges from a 'paper' arbitration to a formal court-like hearing. Arbitration decisions are binding on the parties and can be enforced by the courts if necessary. An award by an arbitrator can be challenged in the courts for serious irregularity in the proceedings or on a point of law.	
	Candidates will be rewarded for mention of negotiation but it is not necessary for full marks. Mention of the Centre for Dispute Resolution or any other service available for mediation or conciliation will also be rewarded but is not necessary for full marks.	
	Credit will be given for any other relevant details.	[18]

Question Number			Answer	Max Mark		
4(b)	Discuss the advantages <u>and</u> disadvantages of using Alternative Dispute Resolution.					
	Mark Levels	AO2	AO3			
	Level 4	8-9	-			
	Level 3	6-7	3			
	Level 2	4-5	2			
	Level 1	1-3	1			
	Potential answ	ers MAY :				
	Assessment C	Objective	2			
	Discuss the advantages of ADR such as:					
	The relative cheapness.					
	• Speed.					
	 The control of the parties over the way a dispute is resolved rather than handing over control to the courts. 					
	 The avoidance of bad feeling between the parties. 					
	 Privacy. 					
	 Able to continue business relationships. 					
	Use of experts in arbitration.					
	Discuss disadvantages such as:					
	More likely to court.	o settle fo	r less using ADR than might be obtained by going to			
			s encourage the use of ADR under the Woolf reforms and ceedings to allow ADR to be tried.			
			e of research into courts or ADR e.g. Baldwin/Genn. some candidates but are not required for maximum			
	Assessment Objective 3					
	0		oherent arguments and communicate relevant material in manner using appropriate legal terminology.			
	Reward gran	nmar, spe	elling and punctuation.	[12		
			Total marks	[30		

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
5(a)	Outline the theory of the separation of powers, illustrating your answer with examples.	
	Mark Levels AO1	
	Level 4 15-18	
	Level 3 11-14	
	Level 2 6-10	
	Level 1 1-5	
	Potential answers MAY :	
	Assessment Objective 1	
	Demonstrate knowledge of the three arms of the state:	
	 Legislature: makes law, Parliament and Queen. 	
	 Executive: put laws into effect and administer nation's affairs, Ministers (and their departments). 	
	 Judiciary: interpret and enforce law, judges. 	
	Demonstrate clear understanding of theory:	
	 The three arms must be kept independent of each other. 	
	 This means that each can exercise control over the other two. 	
	 Without this separation it is easier for one person or a small group to take complete control (e.g. Zimbabwe). 	
	Illustrate with some examples e.g.	
	Independence of judiciary:	
	 Security of tenure of judiciary (Act of Settlement). 	
	 Judges try to implement intention of Parliament in Statutory Interpretation. 	
	 Judges cannot question legality of legislation. 	
	Exercise of controls:	
	 Judiciary provide check on executive through judicial review. 	
	 Executive provide check on higher judiciary, senior judges selected by Prime Minister. 	
	 Judiciary can be thought to limit legislature through statutory interpretation e.g. golden rule – judges may decide a literal interpretation would lead to an absurd or obnoxious result and give a different interpretation. 	
	 Legislature controls terms of judges' employment, e.g. pay, retirement age. 	
	• Legislature can amend law if minister has been held to be acting <i>ultra vires</i> .	[18]

Question Number			Answer	Max Mark			
5(b)	Discuss the w	vays in wl	ich judges' independence is maintained.				
	Mark Levels	AO2	AO3				
	Level 4	8-9	-				
	Level 3	6-7	3				
	Level 2	4-5	2				
	Level 1	1-3	1				
	Potential answ	ers MAY :					
	Assessment C	Objective	2				
	Discuss some of the ways in which judges' independence is maintained:						
	Senior judge	es can only	be dismissed with great difficulty.				
	 Judges free to make politically unpopular decisions. 						
	Some finance	ial indepe	ndence.				
	 Grounds for appeal if a judge has an interest in a case (e.g. Pinochet). 						
	 Judges cannot be sued for what is said in court. 						
	 Judges cannot become MPs and are expected to remain silent on political issues. 						
	Law Lords b	 Law Lords by convention only take part in debates which affect the law. 					
	• Ethos of the	judiciary i	s an emphasis on independence.				
	 Judges careful not to encroach on public policy matters they believe to be for Parliament to decide. 						
	• Judges careful in statutory interpretation to carry out purpose of parliament.						
	Credit any reference to how the appointments process may impact on independence.						
	Assessment (Assessment Objective 3					
	-		rent arguments and communicate relevant mat er using appropriate legal terminology.	erial in a			
	Reward gramn	nar, spellii	ng and punctuation.	[12]			
			Tot	tal marks [30]			

Question Number	Answor .						
6							
6(a)	Describe the p street.	owers the police have to stop and search an individual on the					
	Mark Levels	A01					
	Level 4	15-18					
	Level 3	11-14					
	Level 2	6-10					
	Level 1	1-5					
	Potential answe	ers MAY:					
	Assessment Objective 1						
	Demonstrate good knowledge of the relevant sections of PACE: Stop and search:						
	 S.1 PACE – police officer has right to stop and search a person in a public place if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the person is in possession of stolen goods or prohibited articles. 						
	Police officer	must give his name, station and the reason for the search.					
	Officer can re	equest that the suspect removes outer coat, jacket and gloves.					
	Written report must be produced for all searches.						
	 Code of Practice A gives guidance on the use of this power and meaning of reasonable suspicion. 						
	U	and search without reasonable suspicion in a specified area for nticipation of violence under S60 Criminal Justice and Public 94.					
	 Other rights to Terrorism Act 	o stop and search under Misuse of Drugs Act, Prevention of	[18]				

Question Number			Answer	Max Mark		
6(b)	Advise Tyrone on whether the police officer acted lawfully with regard to stop and search and the arrest.					
	Mark Levels	AO2	AO3			
	Level 4	8-9	-			
	Level 3	6-7	3			
	Level 2	4-5	2			
	Level 1	1-3	1			
	Potential answ	ers MAY:				
	Assessment (Objective	2			
	Identify that the only apparent reason for stopping Tyrone is that it is 2 am and Tyrone is young.					
	Discuss whether this is sufficient for reasonable suspicion to stop and search under S.1 PACE or is it a breach of the Code of Practice?					
	Point out that the police officer did not give a reason for the search and so it is likely that any search would be considered unlawful. Discuss whether the police officer has the power to arrest Tyrone commenting on the need to show that the officer had reasonable suspicion regarding the commission (past, present or future, of an arrestable offence).					
	Apply the test in <i>Castorina</i> – were there facts which could lead an ordinary person to <i>suspect</i> that Tyrone was guilty of an arrestable offence?					
	Point out that reasonable force can be used to make an arrest and discuss whether the actions of the police officer are likely to be considered reasonable force.					
	Conclude that the police officer's actions were probably unlawful.					
	Assessment Objective 3					
			erent arguments and communicate relevant material in a ner using appropriate legal terminology.	[12]		
	Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.					
			Total marks	s [30]		

Question Number	Answer				
7	Jane is a bank clerk and has been arrested on suspicion of stealing £10 000 from her employer. Describe the types of public funding available for advice and representation in a criminal case.				
7(a)					
	Mark Levels AO1				
	Level 4 15-18				
	Level 3 11-14				
	Level 2 6-10				
	Level 1 1-5				
	Potential answers MAY:				
	Assessment Objective 1 Demonstrate good knowledge the Criminal Defence Service:				
	 Set up by the Legal Service Commission under the Access to Justice Act 1999 to provide legal help to people involved in criminal proceedings. 				
	Legal help provided by contracted solicitors or salaried defenders.				
	• The duty solicitor scheme at the police station. There is no means or merits test, covers advice at the police station.				
	• The duty solicitor scheme at the Magistrates' court. There is no means or merits test, covers advice at the Magistrates' court, bail applications and representation if prison is a possibility for non-payment of fines.				
	 Criminal legal funding for representation in court. Means and merits tests apply. Application made to court; Merits tests based on the interests of justice; Means test based on disposable income and capital – free with certain benefits or with a very low income otherwise pay a contribution; Covers initial representation in the Magistrates' court and preparation for and representation in the Crown court and if necessary for Appeals. 	[18]			

Question Number				Answer	Max Mark		
7(b)	Explain to Jane what problems she might encounter with the public funding of her defence.						
	Mark Levels	AO2	AO3				
	Level 4	8-9	-				
	Level 3	6-7	3				
	Level 2	4-5	2				
	Level 1	1-3	1				
	Potential answers MAY:						
	Assessment Objective 2						
	Identify problems with each type of funding for Jane.						
	 Duty solicitor scheme at the police station – the police discourage suspects from asking for a duty solicitor and the quality of advice in the past has been variable. This should have been improved with the use of the Criminal Defence Service. 						
	• At Magistrates' court limited coverage. May be used for Jane to apply for bail.						
	 Criminal Legal Funding: Means test is set low – Jane would probably have to pay contributions; Contributions may be beyond the means of some people including Jane; Varying interpretations of the merits test; Can appeal against a refusal of funding but need funding to appeal; Limited choice of lawyer – Jane would have to accept the lawyer allocated to her; Criminal Defence Service may lack impartiality. 						
	Assessment Objective 3						
	Present logical and coherent arguments and communicate relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology.						
	Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.						
				Total Marks	[30]		
	1			Paper Total	[120]		

AS GCE Law Levels of Assessment

There are **four** levels of assessment of AOs 1 and 2 in the AS units. Level 4 is the highest level that can reasonably be expected from a candidate at the end of the first year of study of an Advanced GCE course.

Level	Assessment Objective 1	Assessment Objective 2	Assessment Objective 3 (includes QWC)
4	Good, well-developed knowledge with a clear understanding of the relevant concepts and principles. Where appropriate candidates will be able to elaborate by good citation to relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to identify and analyse issues central to the question showing some understanding of current debate and proposals for reform or identify most of the relevant points of law in issue. Ability to develop clear arguments or apply points of law clearly to a given factual situation and reach a sensible and informed conclusion.	
3	Adequate knowledge showing reasonable understanding of the relevant concepts and principles. Where appropriate candidates will be able to elaborate with some citation of relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to analyse most of the more obvious points central to the question or identify the main points of law in issue. Ability to develop arguments or apply points of law mechanically to a given factual situation, and reach a conclusion.	A good ability to present logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.
2	Limited knowledge showing general understanding of the relevant concepts and principles. There will be some elaboration of the principles, and where appropriate with limited reference to relevant statutes and case-law.	Ability to explain some of the more obvious points central to the question or identify some of the points of law in issue. A limited ability to produce arguments based on their material or limited ability to apply points of law to a given factual situation but without a clear focus or conclusion.	An adequate ability to present logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a reasonably clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.
1	Very limited knowledge of the basic concepts and principles. There will be limited points of detail, but accurate citation of relevant statutes and case-law will not be expected.	Ability to explain at least one of the simpler points central to the question or identify at least one of the points of law in issue. The approach may be uncritical and/or unselective.	A limited attempt to present logical and coherent arguments and communicates relevant material in a limited manner using some appropriate legal terminology. Reward grammar, spelling and punctuation.