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**LAW – LW1**

**THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

A.M. MONDAY, 12 June 2006

(45 minutes)

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:**

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

**Instructions to candidates**

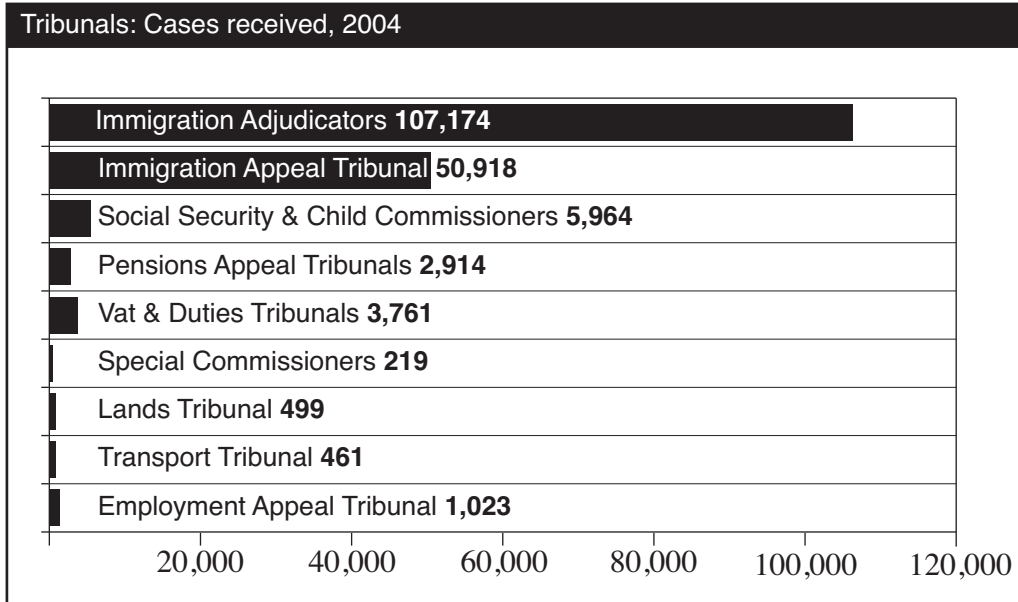
- Candidates are required to answer **one** question only.

**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.

Answer **either** question **one** or question **two**.

1. Examine the bar graph carefully before answering the questions based upon it.



*Source: Judicial Statistics Annual Report 2004  
(Department for Constitutional Affairs)*

- (a) What does the data set out above illustrate? [3]
- (b) Explain the role of Administrative tribunals. [7]
- (c) Why is it necessary to reform the tribunal system? [15]

2. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions based on it.

“Research carried out by the Legal Services Commission Research Unit in 2002 found that over 1.5 million people do not take any action to resolve their legal problems because of lack of knowledge about how to do so. The study also found that people from disadvantaged groups such as those with a long-term illness or disability were more likely to experience legal problems. Interestingly, the research also identified the important role played by advisers without legal qualifications. 40% of respondents did not seek help with legal problems from traditional sources of legal help such as solicitors or advice centres, but turned to social workers, health professionals, social security offices and religious organisations. This finding challenges our assumptions about the most effective way to try and improve access to legal advice and assistance.”

Source: Malleon, *The Legal System* 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed (2005) OUP

- (a) With reference to the extract above, what are the assumptions made about “the most effective way to try and improve access to legal advice and assistance”? [5]
- (b) Discuss the reorganisation of Legal Aid brought about through the introduction of competitive tendering for contracts for Legal Aid work. [5]
- (c) Identify ways in which the Government has sought to address the problem of unmet legal need through the establishment of the Community Legal Service (CLS). [15]