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**LAW - LW2**

**THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

A.M. MONDAY, 12 June 2006

(1½ hours)

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

**Instructions to candidates**

- Candidates are required to answer **two** questions.

**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 two questions.*

1. (a) Describe the civil and criminal role of magistrates. [10]  
**and**  
(b) Discuss how magistrates are selected. [15]
2. (a) What is meant by the doctrine of precedent? [10]  
**and**  
(b) What effect would the abolition of the doctrine of binding precedent have on the legal system? [15]
3. (a) To what extent does the Public Defender Service promote access to justice? [10]  
**and**  
(b) What factors are taken into account by the Crown Prosecution Service in deciding whether to prosecute offenders? [15]
4. (a) To what extent have recent developments effectively fused the legal professions of barrister and solicitor? [10]  
**and**  
(b) Explain the significance of the Clementi Style Reforms on the future of legal practice in England and Wales. [15]
5. (a) Describe the structure of the Appellate Courts for England and Wales. [10]  
**and**  
(b) What are the arguments in favour of transferring the judicial functions of the House of Lords and Privy Council to a new Supreme Court? [15]
6. (a) What is meant by delegated legislation? [10]  
**and**  
(b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of delegated legislation. [15]