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**LAW – LW1**

**THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

P.M. MONDAY, 15 January 2007

(45 minutes)

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

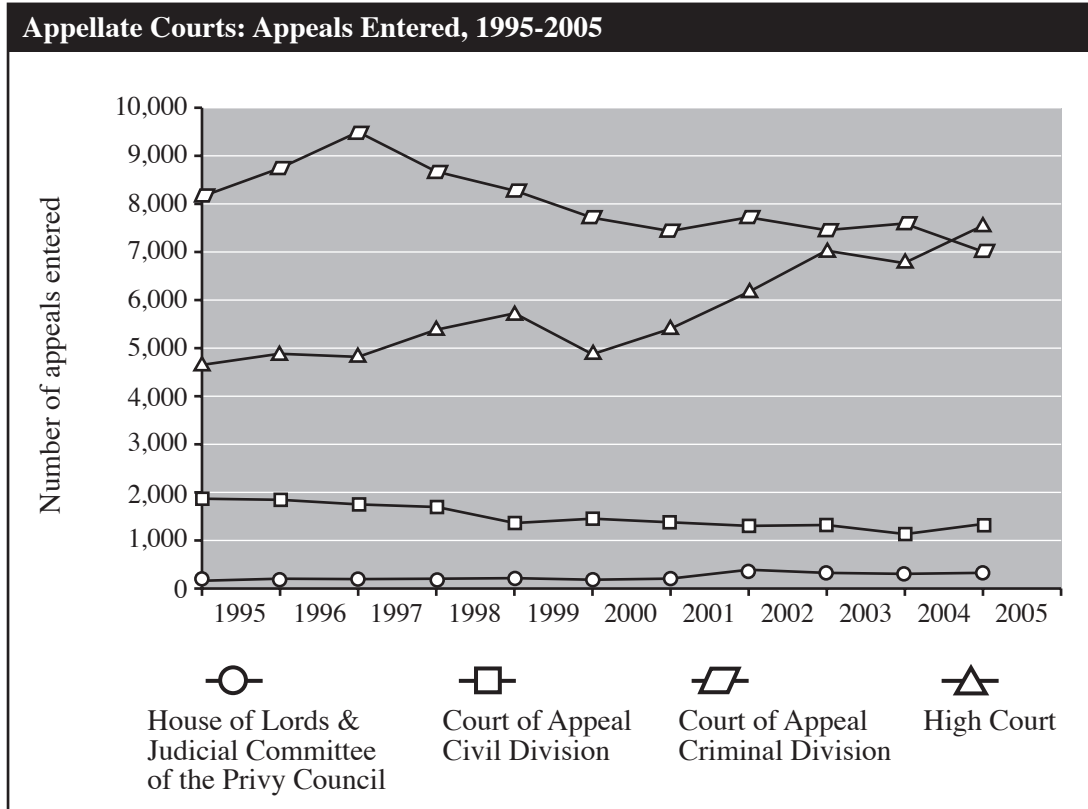
- Candidates are required to answer **one** question only.

**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 **one** question.

1. Examine the graph carefully before answering the questions based on it.



Source: *Judicial Statistics (revised) Annual report 2005 (CM6903)*

- (a) Identify any trends which emerge from the above graph. [3]
- (b) What is the function and structure of **each** of the appeal courts identified? [7]
- (c) Discuss whether it is necessary to establish a Supreme Court. [15]

2. Read the following extract carefully before answering the questions based on it.

“Jury service is one of the most important civic duties that anyone can be asked to perform. You do not need any knowledge of the legal system to be a juror. The experiences and knowledge of each person summoned to serve will differ, yet each individual juror will be asked to consider the evidence presented and then decide whether the defendant is guilty or not.

Jurors usually try the more serious cases such as assault, burglary, fraud or murder. These trials take place in the Crown Court, where they are heard by a jury of 12 people and a judge. The task of the jury is to consider the evidence and then reach a verdict of ‘guilty’ or ‘not guilty.’

Jurors might also be needed to serve in a civil case such as libel, though this does not happen often. When it does, the trial will take place in the High Court or a County Court. You might also be needed to serve in a Coroner’s Court.”

Source: *Criminal Justice System Web Site*

With respect to the above extract answer the following questions:

- (a) What is the role of Juries? [3]
- (b) To what extent is it important that jurors should be randomly selected in order to ensure that the “experiences and knowledge of each person summoned to serve will differ”? [7]
- (c) What are the arguments for and against using a jury in complex fraud cases? [15]