



**General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary/Advanced**

482/01

**LAW – LW2
THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF
ENGLAND AND WALES**

P.M. MONDAY, 14 January 2008
(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) Explain what is meant by the Common Law and Equity. [10]
- and**
- (b) Discuss the effects, if any, of the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts 1873-75 on the development of the legal system in England and Wales. [15]
2. (a) Explain the significance, if any, of the difference between the role of that of barrister and solicitor in England and Wales. [10]
- and**
- (b) Discuss recent reform proposals which will change the delivery of legal services within England and Wales. [15]
3. (a) What is meant by the rule of law? [10]
- and**
- (b) Discuss the role of judges in relation to the rule of law. [15]
4. (a) To what extent can the Common Law be described as a system of precedent? [10]
- and**
- (b) Assess the advantages and disadvantages of precedent. [15]
5. (a) Explain the approach taken by the Crown Prosecution Service in deciding whether or not to go ahead with a prosecution. [10]
- and**
- (b) Discuss the role of the Crown Prosecution Service within the criminal prosecution system. [15]
6. (a) Explain how the European Commission ensures compliance of community law by member states. [10]
- and**
- (b) To what extent is European Law a source of English and Welsh law? [15]