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Stamp	Description
~	Tick
×	Cross
(80D	Benefit of doubt
NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
REP	Repeat
2	Not relevant
	Omission mark
LI	Level 1
12	Level 2
LJ	Level 3
E	Expansion of a point
~ +	Development of point
VG	Vague
MAQ	Not answered question

Question	Exp	ected Answer			Mark
1 (a)		bhanie is a law student de ch law is made.	termir	ned to do well in her exams. She knows there are three main ways in	
	Help	o Stephanie revise by mate	ching	the type of law to the law making body below.	[3]
	Law	making body	T	ype of law	
	A	Parliament	1	Judges reform the law of murder when a case shows them that the present law does not do justice and is out of date.	
	в	Case law and the doctrine of precedent	2	A regulation is passed which says that instead of asking for a pint of lager in a pub customers will have to ask for a half-litre.	
	С	European law	3	A statute is passed to say no one can buy alcohol until they are 21 years old.	
	Plac	e the correct number nex	t to ea	ach letter in the grid below.	
	ASS	SESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1			
	Can	didates will successfully ma	tch an	y or all of the following:	
	1 ma	ark for each correct item ide	ntified	(maximum 3 marks).	
			A B C	3 1 2	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark
1 (b)	Law is one of the basic elements of a society. Explain three reasons why we need law.	[3]
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3	
	Candidates will explain any three of the following reasons:	
	 law helps to create public order by setting limits of what is acceptable it helps to protect individual liberties by giving people rights when they are charged with criminal offences it helps to regulate relationships between people so there is fairness and equality it sets standards, particularly for those who owe responsibilities to other people it provides remedies for wrongs suffered so that people can be compensated in civil law and those who break the criminal law can be punished. 	
	1 mark for each explanation (maximum 3 marks).	
		Total [6 marks]

Question	Expected Answer	Mark
2 (a)	Identify <u>three</u> powers from the list below which the police have under the <u>Police and Criminal Evidence Act</u> <u>1984</u> in respect of a suspect held at the police station.	[3]
	grant bail	
	conduct searches	
	detain suspect	
	sentence	
	convict	
	take samples.	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1	
	Candidates will identify the following:	
	conduct searches	
	detain suspect	
	take samples (but not intimate ones).	
	1 mark for each correct power identified (maximum 3 marks).	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark
2 (b)	Faye goes up to a woman at a bus stop and takes the woman's mobile phone. PC Jones, a plain-clothes police officer, is on duty nearby and hears the woman shout, "Give me my phone back!" PC Jones runs over to help. He thinks he sees Faye put something under the woolly hat she is wearing and he grabs Faye's arm aggressively. PC Jones tells Faye to take off her hat but Faye swears at him, punches him in the face as she does not realise he is a police officer because he is not wearing a uniform, and she runs away. PC Jones does not make any record of what happened in his police notebook.	
2 (b) (i)	Identify <u>three</u> items of clothing which a police officer is entitled to ask a suspect to remove if they are to be searched in a public place.	[3]
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1	
	Candidates will identify the following:	
	outer coat	
	jacket	
	• gloves.	
	1 mark for each correct item identified (maximum 3 marks).	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark
2 (b) (ii)	Explain <u>two</u> reasons why PC Jones' actions are not lawful.	[6]
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2	
	Candidates will explain any two of the following:	
	 PC Jones does not identify himself by giving his name, rank and station when he grabs hold of Faye (L1) under PACE this is something a police officer must do (L2) it is especially important if the police officer is on duty but is not wearing a uniform. (L3) 	
	 PC Jones has to have reasonable grounds to suspect Faye is in possession of stolen property (L1) his vague identification may not be enough to be a reasonable suspicion (L2) Code of Practice A says the power to stop and search must be used fairly, responsibly, respectfully and without unlawful discrimination. (L3) 	
	 PC Jones has asked Faye to remove her hat (L1) this goes beyond the powers in s2(9) PACE (L2) he needs to do this out of public view, eg in a police van. (L3) 	
	 PC Jones has not made a written report (L1) as soon as possible after the search (L2) if he does not do this the facts can be challenged and the search become unlawful. (L3) 	
	 PC Jones grabs Faye aggressively when he should have shown more restraint in the street (L1) since he is not in uniform (L2) and been aggressive he has not used his power in Code of Practice A fairly, responsibly and respectfully. (L3) 	
	For each reason given: 1 mark for identifying the reason why PC Jones' actions may be unlawful 1 mark for explaining why PC Jones' actions may be unlawful 1 mark for good reasoning Maximum 2 reasons. Maximum for the question = 6 marks.	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark
2 (c)	People have different attitudes to police powers. Some think the police have too many powers. Other people believe that they need their powers to do their job and keep people safe.	
2 (c) (i)	Listed below are <u>three</u> methods by which the law tries to balance individual rights with police powers.	
	Explain how each of these methods work.	
	 <u>Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984</u> and Codes of Practice Complaints Procedures <u>Human Rights Act 1998</u> 	[3]
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2	
	Candidates will explain the following:	
	• PACE and the Codes of Practice mean police behaviour is better regulated and they are accountable – this protects both the police and the individual. Having clear powers for the police helps us all feel safer, especially in relation to crimes of serious violence or terrorism	
	• Complaints procedures - if an individual feels the police have exceeded their powers there are plenty of ways in which they can complain, such as the Independent Police Complaints Commission, speaking to the Duty Officer at any police station, talking to the Citizen's Advice Bureau, a solicitor or the local MP	
	 Human Rights Act 1998 – this guarantees basic individual rights are protected and other laws ensure individuals cannot be subject to discrimination by the police. 	
	1 mark for each correct explanation (maximum 3 marks).	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark
2 (c) (ii)	Discuss whether the law succeeds in balancing individual rights with police powers.	[3]
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3	
	Candidates will discuss any of the following (credit should be given for both breadth and depth):	
	 The police need to do their job but they have to protect human rights – for example they cannot ask people to remove headgear in public as it may be worn for religious reasons – this protects the individual If PACE and the Codes of Practice did not exist it would be very hard to investigate crimes – this helps the police do their job Having clear rules means that people can know what the police are allowed to do – this helps the individual and stops the police taking advantage If law is followed a conviction is unlikely to be appealed and this gives the law certainty – this is good for the individual as they know they deserved to be caught, it is good for the police as they know they did their job correctly and it is good for society as it shows us where the lines are and that the law can be trusted Any other relevant point discussed (maximum 3 marks). 	
		Total [18 marks]

Question	Expected Answer	Mark
3 (a) (i)	Identify the most appropriate sentence for each of the following <u>three</u> scenarios. Fill in the table with the most appropriate sentence from the list below.	[3]
	 suspended sentence community order electronic tagging 	
	 disqualification from driving mandatory life sentence. 	
	Scenario A Gary, aged 30, has been convicted of murder after he stabbed a man who was rude to Gary's	
	girlfriend. The man died.	
	B Candice, aged 17, has been repeatedly harassing her neighbours by shouting abuse through their letter box.	
	C William, aged 25, is drunk and is caught speeding on his motorbike.	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1	
	Candidates will identify any of the following:	
	 The most appropriate sentence for Gary is a mandatory life sentence The most appropriate sentence for Candice is a community order The most appropriate sentence for William is disqualification from driving. 	
	1 mark for each correct sentence identified (maximum 3 marks).	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark
3 (a) (ii)	Select two sentences from the list in 3(a)(i). Explain how each sentence works.	[6]
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2	
	Candidates will explain any two of the following:	
	 Suspended sentence – this is a sentence which does not come into operation directly. The offender is told they have an amount of time in which they must obey the law and if they do so the suspended sentence does not come into effect. If they break any other law then the suspended sentence may become operational Community orders – these are given to young offenders over the age of 16. Different sentences are combined depending on the individual offender but may include unpaid work, taking a course at an Attendance centre, getting help if drink or drugs area problem, an Action Plan Order, an exclusion order or a curfew order. Electronic tagging – this is designed to monitor movements. It can be tracked by police to show where the offender is at any given time. It is used as a method of keeping the offender in the community, perhaps because of family or job but a heavier punishment follows if the tag is removed or the offender breaks the conditions imposed Disqualification from driving – this is now an automatic penalty and is often accompanied by a fine which is an economic penalty and is the most common sentence in the magistrates' court. The term of disqualification depends on the seriousness of the conditions in which the offence is committed. The fine can be paid in a lump sum or in instalments and may be deducted directly from earnings Mandatory life sentence – this must be given on conviction for murder. It is usually a minimum of 12 years but can mean the person is never released. If they are released they are on licence for the rest of lives so they can go back to prison if they commit any other offence and they carry a life long stigma which can affect their social status and their economic prospects in terms of employment. 	
	For each of the two sentences explained:	
	0 marks for no response or no response worthy of credit 1 mark each for one basic point explained 2 marks each for more than one point well explained 3 marks for basic point well explained with some elaboration.	
	(maximum for the question = 6 marks)	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark		
3 (b)	Whenever a criminal pleads guilty or is convicted of an offence an important part of the criminal process is for the court to decide on a sentence. There are several aims relating to sentencing which try to explain the reason why a particular sentence is given.			
3 (b) (i)	Identify any <u>three</u> aims of sentencing.	[3]		
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1			
	1 mark for each aim identified (maximum 3 marks)			
	Candidates will identify any three of the following:			
	 retribution or punishment deterrence reform and rehabilitation public protection reparation denunciation. 			

Question	Expected Answer	Mark
3 (b) (ii)	Discuss the effectiveness of the aims of sentencing.	[6]
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 3	
	Candidates will discuss any of the following (credit should be given for both breadth and depth):	
	 Retribution or punishment - there is a need to punish those who break the law ('an eye for an eye') but a sentence should be proportionate and not just be revenge Deterrence - this tries to reduce crime by deterring the individual from re-offending, by putting other potential offenders off and by teaching people in society that something bad will happen if they break a law Reform and rehabilitation - this tries to teach offenders the errors of their ways and should be accompanied by rehabilitation which gives them education and skills so that when they rejoin society they can fit in and earn a living so as to encourage them not to revert to crime Public protection - really dangerous offenders can be removed from society and this makes society safer Reparation - this makes an offender give something back to society, often as unpaid work; it can even mean supervised meetings between offender and victim so that both sides can talk about their experiences and move on Denunciation - this allows a criminal to be identified; society can express their disapproval of what the criminal has done which enforces legal and moral boundaries and it reflects the blameworthiness of the offender. 	
	Candidates will gain marks as follows:0 marksfor no response or no response worthy of credit1-2 marksat least one basic point made3-4 marksat least two points with some elaboration5-6 marksthree or more points discussed with good reasoning.	
		Total [18 marks]

Question	Expected Answer		
4 (a)	Magistrates are one of the types of lay people found in the criminal justice system and there are about 29,000 of them sitting in magistrates' courts.		
4 (a) (i)	Identify three of the requirements which have to be met before a person can be appointed as a magistrate.	[3]	
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1		
	Candidates will identify any three of the following:		
	 they must have the six key qualities identified by the Lord Chancellor – good character, understanding and communication skills, social awareness, maturity and sound temperament, sound judgment, commitment and reliability they must be between 18 and 65 when appointed they must live or work within or near the local justice area to which they are allocated candidate must have no serious criminal record they must commit to sitting for at least 26 half days each year they must not be people disqualified from being magistrates, eg police officers, members of the armed forces and traffic wardens. must not be an undischarged bankrupt. must not be any person whose physical or mental impairment means they cannot carry out duties. 1 mark for each requirement identified (maximum 3 marks). 		

Question	Expected Answer	Mark
4 (a) (ii)	Read the following passage and fill in the missing words from the list below.	[3]
	• qualified	
	tribunals	
	• juror	
	• lay	
	trials	
	qualified lawyer.	
	magistrates usually sit in groups of three and deal with all summary Sometimes the case is heard by a district judge who is a and sits alone.	
	Candidates will correctly identify up to three of the missing words:	
	• lay	
	 trials 	
	 qualified lawyer. 	
	1 mark for each requirement identified (maximum 3 marks).	

Question	Expected Answer			Mark
4 (b)	Dmitri has been charged with theft which is an offence triable	either way.		
	Explain three reasons why Dmitri may prefer to have his case dealt with in the magistrates' court.			
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 2			
	Candidates will explain any three of the following reasons:			
4 (0) (i)	 a case will go to trial more quickly in the magistrates' court a case is less likely to appear in the media if held in the magistrates a sentence may be lower although the magistrates can send sentencing powers are insufficient for the seriousness of the the trial will be concluded more quickly the trial is easier to understand any other relevant reason. 1 mark for each correct explanation (maximum 3 marks).	a case to the cro offence		
4 (c) (i)	Magistrates are sometimes said to be middle-aged, middle clas following statements about magistrates are true or false by pu			[3]
	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE 1			
	Candidates will tick the boxes as follows:			
	You can be a magistrate when you are 18 years old You need to have A levels to be a magistrate If you vote for Labour party you are more likely to be chosen as a magistrate	TRUE X	FALSE X X	
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Question	Expected Answer		
4 (c) (ii)	*Discuss tw	o <u>disadvantages</u> of using magistrates in criminal cases.	[6]
	ASSESSME	NT OBJECTIVE 3	
		re not a true reflection of society as many people do not apply because they are too busy or think they t be chosen	
	 almost society 	half of them are retired and as they are older they can be out of touch with an offender and with /	
	they te	come from managerial or professional jobs so they have little in common with the offender and to live in the better part of a community and so may not understand social and economic problems face defendants	
	• they ca	an be inconsistent in their decisions and in granting bail	
	-	ave no legal qualifications	
	-	re often accused of being too ready to believe the police	
	-	ay want to impose their own values on offenders	
	 any oth 	her relevant reason.	
	Candidates	will score as follows:	
	0 marks 1-2 marks	no response or no response worthy of credit.	
	1-2 marks	basic points made with basic communication. The response lacks organisation, structure and accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.	
	3-4 marks	points made with some elaboration and adequate communication. The response is adequately organised, structured and with some errors of spelling, punctuation and grammar.	
	5-6 marks	points explained with good reasoning and with effective communication through discussion. The response is well organised, structured, with few errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling.	
	Candidates	will discuss any of the following (credit should be given for both breadth and depth):	
			Total [18 marks]

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