



GCE A LEVEL

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WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2021 – AFTERNOON

LAW – A Level component 1
The Nature of Law and the English Legal System

1 hour 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **four** questions in total:

Section A: Answer **three** questions – questions 1 **and** 2 plus **either** question 3 **or** question 4.

Section B: Answer **one** question – **either** question 5 **or** question 6.

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use pencil or gel pen. Do not use correction fluid.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

Section A

*In Section A, you must answer **three** questions.
Answer **both** questions 1 and 2 plus **either** question 3 or question 4.*

Questions 1 and 2 require you to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles.

Credit will be given for the use of relevant supporting case law and authority.

*Answer **both** questions 1 and 2.*

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 Explain the process a Bill goes through to become an Act of Parliament. [5]

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 Explain the main methods judges use to avoid an awkward precedent. [5]

Answer **either** question 3 **or** question 4.

Questions 3 and 4 require you to apply legal rules and principles and the nature of law to given scenarios in order to present a legal argument using appropriate legal terminology.

Credit will be given for the use of relevant supporting case law and authority.

Either,

Question

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Read the scenario below and answer the question that follows.

The UK Government recently commissioned a report into wasteful petrol consumption following increased awareness of climate change. They concluded that there would be heightened pressure to reduce wasteful consumption of substances that are harmful to the environment.

In 1956 the House of Lords (now Supreme Court) heard a (fictional) case relating to the misuse of petrol by a motor car. The defendant was found guilty of the offence after it was discovered he left his car running all night while he slept in it after a night out. The House of Lords ruled that it was an offence to 'waste petrol while in a motor car'. They added, obiter, that this would not be the case for a diesel car as (in 1956) they were considered less harmful to the environment.

The Court of Appeal is currently deciding a case where a defendant, Joshua, having just filled up his diesel car, drove down his local high street and revved his engine to show off to his friends. He also left his engine running while waiting an hour for his friend to finish work.

Using your knowledge of judicial precedent, advise the Court of Appeal of the possible outcomes for Joshua's case. [15]

Or,

Question

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Read the text below and answer the question that follows.

Gertrude, 14, is a young environmental campaigner who wants to raise awareness in her local community of the importance of taking immediate and radical action on climate change. She organised a pupil strike day where pupils in support of her campaign picketed outside the school. The local paper became aware of the story and published an article highlighting her cause. Her local MP, Bob Thunder, has read the article and would like to take Gertrude's campaign forward. Gertrude is clearly very passionate about the subject and would like to see stricter laws requiring the Government to take tougher action on climate change. Gertrude has asked his advice on the main ways in which she could influence this change in the law.

Using your knowledge of the influences on Parliament, advise Gertrude as to the methods she could use to try to influence Parliament to change the law. [15]

Section B

*In Section B, you must answer **either** question 5 or question 6.*

*You must answer **both** part (a) and part (b) of your chosen question.*

Part (a) requires you to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles.

Part (b) requires you to analyse and evaluate legal rules, principles, concepts and issues, and the nature of law.

Credit will be given for the use of relevant supporting case law and authority.

Either,

Question

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- (a) Explain the routes of appeal available from the Crown Court. [10]
- (b) Analyse and evaluate the importance of a jury being representative of society. [15]

Or,

Question

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- (a) Explain the sources of funding available to access justice in England and Wales. [10]
- (b) Analyse and evaluate the importance of conditional fee arrangements. [15]

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