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AS GCE
G151/01
LAW
English Legal System
QUESTION PAPER
TUESDAY 17 MAY 2016: Afternoon
DURATION: 2 hours
plus your additional time allowance
MODIFIED ENLARGED 24pt

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:
12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(sent with general stationery)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:
None

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.

Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.

Write your answers on the lined pages in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers MUST be clearly shown.

Answer FOUR questions; AT LEAST two from Section A and AT LEAST one from Section B.

Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

Additional paper may be used if necessary but you MUST clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

The total number of marks for this paper is 120.

Candidates are reminded of the need to write legibly and in continuous prose, where appropriate. In answering part (b) questions you will be assessed on the quality of your written communication (QWC) including your use of appropriate legal terminology. These questions are marked with an asterisk (*).

Any blank pages are indicated.

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Answer FOUR questions.

Answer AT LEAST two from Section A and AT LEAST one from Section B.

You are advised to spend 30 minutes on each question, 20 minutes on (a) and 10 minutes on (b).

SECTION A

Answer AT LEAST two questions from this section.

- 1 (a) Describe the custodial AND community sentences available to adult offenders convicted in the Crown Court. [18]**

(b)* Discuss the extent to which adult sentences achieve the aim of protecting the public. [12]

- 2 (a) Describe the jurisdiction of the three divisions of the High Court AND the routes of appeal from this court. [18]**

(b)* Discuss the advantages of using the civil court system to resolve a dispute. [12]

- 3 (a) Describe AND give examples of the three categories of criminal offence. Detail where each category of offence would be tried. Include pre-trial and trial procedures for deciding on the trial venue. [18]**
- (b)* Discuss the factors a defendant will need to take into consideration when deciding whether or not to elect to be tried in the Crown Court or the Magistrates' Court. [12]**
- 4 (a) Describe how the courts decide whether or not to grant a suspect bail including any conditions that may be imposed. [18]**
- (b)* Discuss whether the balance of interests between public safety AND a suspect's right to liberty are adequately protected by the rules on bail. [12]**
- 5 (a) Describe the different ways in which civil legal advice is available to a person who is not eligible for public funding. [18]**
- (b)* "Government cuts to both civil AND criminal legal aid funding have resulted in many people being denied access to justice."**

Discuss the extent to which this statement is true. [12]

SECTION B

Answer AT LEAST one question from this section.

6 (a) Describe when juries are used and their role in criminal courts and civil courts. [18]

(b)* The following people have received a summons for jury service. Alfie is 18 years old and is related to the defendant. Beatrice has served a 12-year custodial sentence. Charlie served four years for burglary in 1978 and is currently being treated for depression.

Explain whether Alfie, Beatrice and Charlie can be jurors. [12]

7 (a) Describe the powers of the police to detain and take samples from a suspect at a police station and any limitations on those powers. Do NOT discuss interviews and searches. [18]

(b)* Michelle is 16 years old. She was arrested on suspicion of arson. She was interviewed on her own for eight hours without a break. Two female officers stripped her completely naked looking for a lighter. Nothing was found so they intimately searched her.

Explain to Michelle whether or not her treatment was lawful. [12]

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