



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 17 MAY 2024 – AFTERNOON

LAW – AS unit 1

The Nature of Law and the Welsh and English Legal Systems

1 hour 45 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **three** questions from Section A plus **one** question from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

You are advised to spend approximately:

- 60 minutes on **Section A**
- 45 minutes on **Section B**

Section A

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

Questions 1 **and** 2 require you to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of legal rules and principles.

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

Answer questions 1 and 2.

1. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of judicial precedent. [10]
2. Explain the extrinsic aids available to a judge when interpreting a statute. [10]

Questions 3 and 4 require you to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of legal rules and principles, and apply legal rules and principles 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.

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

EITHER

3. Read the scenario below and answer the question that follows.

Jacob, a young man, was struck on the head with a ball whilst playing cricket. He was rendered unconscious and was rushed to hospital in an ambulance. At the hospital, he received several scans which showed a blood clot on his brain. He was rushed to surgery where he underwent a life-saving operation to remove the blood clot and relieve the pressure on his brain, but the operation left him with severe irreversible brain damage. His mother, Claire is convinced that Jacob will never recover and that the only way to end his suffering would be to end his life. Claire is aware that euthanasia is against the law but wishes to campaign for reform to the law.

Using your knowledge of the methods of law reform, advise Claire as to the other ways, apart from the Law Commission, in which she could try to promote reform of the law on euthanasia in Wales and England. [28]

OR

4. Read the fictitious statute and the scenario below, and answer the question that follows.

Following concerns raised in Parliament about the rise in crimes committed online, Parliament passed the ***Police Online Surveillance Powers Act 2020***.

Section 1: If the police suspect an individual to be, about to be, or to have been involved in the commission of a crime, they can use surveillance techniques to monitor all of the online accounts of the suspect.

Section 2: If the police uncover incriminating evidence against the individual on their online accounts, they may be granted a warrant to arrest that person and/or search their property.

Kate was convicted of the theft of a pair of designer shoes 5 years ago. She paid a fine for the offence and carried out community service. She has been searching online for a new pair of designer shoes and has contacted Saffron, a fashion blogger via social media asking her advice on which shoes to 'grab before they're gone'. The police have arrested Kate on suspicion of planning another theft and have applied for a warrant to search her property.

Using your knowledge of statutory interpretation, advise Kate as to whether the actions of the police are lawful. [28]

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Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

You will need to answer both part (a) **and** part (b) of your chosen question.

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

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

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

5. (a) Explain the aims of sentencing where the defendant is a young offender. [8]
- (b) Analyse and evaluate whether the right to jury trial is a fundamental part of the criminal justice system in Wales and England. [24]
6. (a) Explain the reasons for the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in civil cases in Wales and England. [8]
- (b) Analyse and evaluate the effectiveness of the main methods of Alternative Dispute Resolution. [24]

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