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Part of WJEC

FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2025 – AFTERNOON

LAW – AS component 1

The Nature of Law and the English Legal System

1 hour 30 minutes

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

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.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

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,

for example

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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.

The quality of your extended response will be assessed in answers to the following questions:
3(b), 4(b), 5(b) and 6(b).

You are advised to spend approximately 55 minutes on Section A, and approximately 35 minutes on Section B.

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Section A

In Section A, you must answer **three** questions.

Answer **both** questions

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Questions

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 require you to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles, and the nature of law.

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

Answer **both** questions

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 Explain, with examples, what is meant by persuasive precedent. [6]

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 Explain what is meant by Parliamentary Sovereignty. [6]

Answer **either** question

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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, and the nature of law.

Part **b)** requires you to apply legal rules and principles and the nature of law to a given scenario 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,

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Read the text below and answer part **a)**.

‘Judicial review is a discretionary remedy of last resort – all other appeal options must be exhausted first.’

Source: The Independent Review of Administrative Law, *UK Parliament*, 2021

- a)** Explain the judicial controls on delegated legislation. [6]

Read the fictitious statute and the scenario below and answer part **b)**.

Public Health Protection (fictitious) Act 2024

Section 32(3):

- (a) ...the appropriate Minister may, by such Regulations as are necessary, provide that no retailer should sell a disposable vape to any individual under the age of 18.
 (b) ...enforcement authorities may issue penalty notices up to £1,000 for non-compliance with any Regulations made under this section.
 (c) Regulations made under this section shall be subject to the affirmative resolution method and consultation of relevant local authorities.

The Health Minister has subsequently published the Disposable Vapes Sale (fictitious) (Age Restriction) Regulations 2024, which stipulate that every shop owner in the UK has to verify the age of any customers buying vapes by requesting photographic identification and refuse the sale if a customer cannot produce such verification.

Rhys owns a shop in the village of Glenville and has recently been fined £5,000 by his local council for selling vapes to under-age school children. When he appealed against this to the council, they claimed the fine had to be paid citing the Regulations, yet his MP knew nothing of the new rules.

- b)** Using your knowledge of delegated legislation, advise Rhys as to whether the Regulations are lawful. [18]

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Read the text below and answer part a).

‘It is apparent that modern lawmaking in common law jurisdictions comes from a constant recurring argument and debate between Parliament and judges.’

Source: Modern Statutory Interpretation, September 2016

- a) Explain the mischief and purposive rules of statutory interpretation. [6]

Read the fictitious statute and the scenario below and answer part b).

The Prevention of Road Traffic Accidents Act (fictitious) 2024

Section 1: Introduction

- (1) This Act, entitled the “The Prevention of Road Traffic Accidents Act (fictitious) 2024” is enacted with the aim of enhancing road safety by regulating the use of provisional driver plates (P plates) for newly qualified drivers in order to reduce the number of accidents involving new and inexperienced drivers.

Section 2: Display of P Plates

- (1) All new drivers, on passing their driving test, are required to prominently display P plates on their domestic vehicles for a period of one year from the date of passing the driving test.

Section 3: Exemptions

- (1) The following exemptions apply to the requirements stated in Section 2:
- (a) Medical Exemptions
 - (b) Commercial Vehicles
 - (c) Emergency situations

Section 4: Penalties for Non-Compliance

- (1) Any new driver who fails to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 2 and does not fall under one of the exemptions listed in Section 3, shall be subject to an automatic driving ban of six months.

Carmen passed her test 8 months ago and has her own car with a P plate on. However, she was recently prosecuted for not displaying a P plate when she had to use her parents’ car in an emergency to drive her sister to hospital when she was experiencing an asthma attack.

Derek passed his test 6 months ago and had a P plate displayed on his car. However, during recent storms, the P plate had blown upside down and he was prosecuted for not displaying it ‘prominently’.

Fred works for a local restaurant and delivers takeaways using the restaurant’s car. He passed his test 4 months ago and was recently prosecuted under the Act as he does not display a P plate when he is delivering meals.

- b) Using your knowledge of statutory interpretation, advise Carmen, Derek, and Fred as to whether their actions are lawful. [18]

Section B

In Section B, you must answer **either** question

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or question

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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, and the nature of law.

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

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

Either,

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- a) Explain the ways in which a defendant may appeal a decision of the Crown Court. [6]

- b) Analyse and evaluate the extent to which jury trial may be considered outdated and in need of reform. [18]

Or,

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- a) Explain the process of appointing judges in the English and Welsh legal system. [6]

- b) Analyse and evaluate the extent to which the training of solicitors and barristers produces a diverse legal profession. [18]

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