



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2025 – 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. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

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

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.

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

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 plus **either** question

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Questions

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 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

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 Explain the different types of delegated legislation. [10]

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 Explain the options available to a judge for avoiding an awkward precedent. [10]

Questions

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 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

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 Read the scenario below and answer the question that follows.

Arwen, an A level student, has been elected as the head of her school student council. The school council takes an active role in charity fundraising and also seeks to support students throughout all year groups in the school. Arwen has recently been approached by a group of year 13 students. They are very anxious and worried, as a number of their friends have said they will not be applying to university because of the cost of university tuition fees. They feel this is unfair and want everyone to have the chance to go to university regardless of whether they can afford to or not. They would like there to be a significant reduction in fees and they are asking her if they can organise a campaign to call for a reform of the law on university tuition fees.

Using your knowledge of the methods of law reform, advise Arwen as to the other ways, apart from the Law Commission, in which she could try to promote reform of the law on university tuition fees. [28]

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

Following concerns raised in Parliament about suffering caused to animals by neglectful owners, the government introduced the **Domestic Animals Preservation Act 2023** (fictitious).

Section 1 states that:

‘the owner of an animal will be guilty of a criminal offence if the animal is caused unnecessary suffering or is not kept in conditions that promote its health and well-being.’

Section 2 states that: ‘animal’ includes dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, mice, horses, and other animals.

Section 3 states that: the owner of an animal is any person aged 18 or over who has purchased, been given, or otherwise obtained an animal.

Harriet is a retired doctor who lives in a house in the countryside. Whilst out on a walk she comes across a fox that has been hit by a car and takes it home to treat its injuries. She makes a bed for it in her shed and plans to keep it there until its injuries are healed. Harriet takes it food and water every day. One night a homeless man breaks into the shed, looking for somewhere to sleep, and is bitten by the fox. When being treated at the hospital he tells the nurse how his injury was caused and she calls the police. The police visit Harriet the next day and tell her that she is likely to be prosecuted under the Act for keeping the fox in unsuitable conditions.

Using the rules of statutory interpretation, advise Harriet as to whether any offences have been committed in this situation.

[28]

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.

Either,

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- a) Explain the aims of sentencing where the defendant is an adult offender. [8]
- b) Analyse and evaluate whether jury trial in Wales and England is an unfair and outdated system that leads to unpredictable decisions and should be abolished. [24]

Or,

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- a) Explain the role of barristers in Wales and England. [8]
- b) Analyse and evaluate the significance of the independence of the judiciary in Wales and England. [24]

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