



GCE A level

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LAW – LA4

**UNIT 4: Understanding Law in Context:
Freedom, the State and the Individual
OPTION 1: Contract and Consumer Law**

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2 hours 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions from Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 25 marks.

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

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

You are reminded that this paper contains a synoptic element in Section B and will test understanding of the connections between the different elements of the subject.

Option 1: Contract and Consumer Law

SECTION A

Answer two questions from this section.

1. Critically evaluate the protection provided to consumers for defective goods which cause injury. [25]

2. Consider critically the legal position if a consumer credit contract has been improperly executed. [25]

3. Evaluate the legislation which protects consumers against traders who offer a sub-standard service. [25]

4. Critically consider the protection provided by consumer law to those who wish to buy products online. [25]

SECTION B

Answer one question from this section.

5. Study the text below and answer the questions based on it.

“Office of Fair Trading has closed

The Office of Fair Trading was responsible for protecting consumer interests throughout the UK. It closed on 1st April 2014 with its responsibilities passing to a number of different organisations. For advice or help with a consumer problem, contact Citizens Advice.”

Source: Office of Fair Trading Website

- (a) Explain the reasons for the abolition of the Office of Fair Trading. [11]
- (b) Evaluate the mechanisms available for consumer law reform in England and Wales. [14]

6. Study the text below and answer the questions based on it.

“The movement of the progressive societies has hitherto been a movement from Status to Contract.” [Sir Henry Maine]

“Freedom of contract is a qualified and not an absolute right.” [Chief Justice Charles Hughes]

- (a) By reference to consumer protection and consumer credit legislation, explain the development of the exceptions to the freedom of contract principle. [11]
- (b) Evaluate the significance of human rights in the development of the Common Law in England and Wales. [14]

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