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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question number	1(a) Describe two types of delegated legislation. Answer	Marks
1(a)	(2 AO1, 2AO2)	(4)
	One mark for describing each type of delegated legislation, and one mark for giving an example of each, up to a total of four marks.	
	 Statutory instruments – law made by government ministers with delegated powers under the authority of primary legislation (enabling Acts) (1), example. (1) 	
	 By-laws – made by local authority and other bodies, e.g. public corporations, to cover matters within their own area, they require authority of enabling Act or government minister (1) example. (1) 	
	 Orders in Council – the Queen and Privy Council, can make laws when parliament is not sitting for use in emergencies (1) example. (1) 	

Question number	(b) Analyse the disadvantages of delegated legislation.	Marks
	Indicative content	
1(b)	 (2 AO1), (2 AO2), (2 AO3) Takes law making away from the democratically elected House of Commons. Non-elected people making law except for by-laws. Little control over these non-elected people by Parliament. Sub-delegation – where the law-making authority is handed down another level, such as civil servants. Such a large amount of delegated legislation that it is difficult to find out what the current law is. Lack of publicity for delegated legislation as much made in private, rather than in public in Parliament. Obscure wording used as in Acts of Parliament, and this leads to difficulty in understanding what the law is. Examples to illustrate the above points. 	(6)

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Level 2	3-4	Elements of knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.
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		Chains of reasoning are attempted but connections are incomplete or inaccurate, and support of legal authorities may be applied inappropriately.
Level 3	5-6	Accurate knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.
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Question number	(c) Assess how Parliament controls delegated legislation. Indicative content	Marks
1(c)	Responses on Parliament's control are likely to include assessment of: • Initial control with the enabling act setting out the parameters. • Delegated Powers Scrutiny Committee in the Lords to consider whether the provisions of any bills delegated legislative power inappropriately- reports findings before Committee stage of a bill but has no power to amend bills. • As there is no general provision that the regulations made under an enabling act have to be laid before Parliament for MPs to consider them so only a few require this. • Small number of statutory instruments will be subject to an affirmative resolution – so will not become law unless specifically approved by Parliament e.g. The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. However, this procedure does not allow amendment, only approval or withdrawal. • Most other statutory instruments will be subject to a negative resolution which means it will become law unless rejected by Parliament within 40 days. • More effective check is the Joint Select Committee on Statutory Instruments. It reviews all statutory instruments and draws attention to both houses to points requiring further consideration, examples include imposition of a charge or tax, retrospective effect, beyond the powers, unclear or defective. However, committee can only report back, not actually make changes. Examples to illustrate the above points.	(10)

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		There is an attempt to gauge the validity of competing arguments based on interpretations of the law.
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		Logical chains of reasoning are presented, but connections and support of legal authorities may be inconsistent or unbalanced.
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Level 4	7-10	Accurate and thorough knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.
		Knowledge and understanding are supported throughout by relevant and legal authorities and legal theories and applied to the given legal situation.
		Well-developed and logical chains of reasoning, showing a thorough understanding of the strengths and weaknesses in different legal authorities.
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Question number	(a) Describe the burden of proof required to prove guilt in a criminal case. Answer	Marks
2(a)	(1 AO1), (1 AO2)	(2)
	One mark for an accurate explanatory point (1 AO1), and one mark for a linked expansion/example (1 AO2).	
	 Burden of proof is – beyond reasonable doubt (1 AO1) 	
	 The burden of proof is on the prosecution (1 AO2) 	
	 Proof of guilt would be demonstrated by a unanimous or majority verdict (1 AO2). 	

Question number	(b) Explain the following two criminal sanctions: Suspended prison sentence Conditional discharge Answer	Mar ks
2(b)	Responses to include: Suspended prison sentence Adult sentence – over 18 Sentence does not take effect immediately Court fix a time for the suspension – up to two years If no further offence during the suspended period, the sentence is not served. If a further offence is committed then the original sentence is 'activated'. Examples needed for maximum marks Conditional discharge Used where court considers punishment not necessary No penalty for the crime is imposed for a set conditional period up to 3 years If offender reoffends during the time limit of the conditional period, the	(6)
	court can impose another sentence in place of the conditional owe discharge as well as sentencing for the new offence. • Examples needed for maximum marks If answer only covers one sanction then a maximum of 3 marks	

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Question number	(c) Assess the impact the theories of retribution, deterrence and rehabilitation have on the sentencing of criminals. Indicative content	Marks
2(c)	(3 AO1), (3 AO2), (3 AO3), (3 AO4)	(12)
	Responses to include:	
	Explanation of the aims of the theories of retribution, deterrence and rehabilitation	
	Retribution	
	Offender needs to be punished.	
	It does not try to reduce crime in society or try to alter the future behaviour of the offender.	
	'Eye for an eye'.	
	ldea expressed by Kant.	
	Deterrence	
	Aim is to reduce crime.	
	Individual deterrence (to make sure the offender does not reoffend)	
	General deterrence (to try to prevent others committing crime).	
	Rehabilitation	
	Aim to reform offender and rehabilitate into society.	
	Hope is behaviour will be influenced by sentence.	
	Effect or impact of the theories on criminal sanctions imposed on offenders.	
	Retribution – tariffs, and sentence required to be proportionate to the crime	
	Deterrence – heavy fines or long sentences to deter others	
	 Rehabilitation – forward looking and positive aim in 21st century. Important for young offenders. 	
	Problems/criticisms of impact/effect of theories	
	 Retribution –does not allow for mitigating factors and can be unjust 	
	Deterrence –does not stop offenders acting on spur of moment, or under influence of drugs or alcohol	
	Rehabilitation – individualised sentence, but criticism that it leads to inconsistency in sentencing.	
	Level 4 answers must include reference to all 3 theories	

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Level 2	4-6	Elements of knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.
		Knowledge and understanding are applied appropriately to the given legal situation.
		Chains of reasoning are attempted but connections are incomplete or inaccurate, and support of legal authorities may be applied inappropriately.
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Level 3	7-9	Accurate knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.
		Knowledge and understanding are supported by relevant legal authorities and legal theories and applied to the given legal situation.
		Logical chains of reasoning are presented, but connections and support of legal authorities may be inconsistent or unbalanced.
		The response attempts to contrast the validity and significance of competing arguments, which may include comparisons, based on valid interpretations of the law.
Level 4	10-12	Accurate and thorough knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.
		Knowledge and understanding are supported throughout by relevant legal authorities and legal theories and applied to the given legal situation.
		Well-developed and logical chains of reasoning, showing a thorough understanding of the strengths and weaknesses in different legal authorities.
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Question number	Solicitors and Barristers are two types of lawyers in the legal profession of England and Wales. (a) Describe the role of a barrister. Answer	Marks
3(a)	 (2 AO1) Barristers -Up to two marks for describing the barrister's role Barristers are specialists who group together in Chambers, not usually in offices on the high street and are self-employed (1 AO1). In most parts of the country they are not as accessible to the general public for advice (1 AO1) They provide advice or briefs to clients, usually via a referral by solicitors and then represent the client in court (1 AO1). 	(2)

Question number	(b) Explain two ways that the role of a solicitor differs from that of a barrister.	Marks
	Answer	
3(b)	(2 AO1), (2 AO2)	(4)
	Solicitors - Up to two marks for explaining the solicitor's role (2 AO1), and two marks for expansion/example (2 AO2).	
	 Provide advice on all legal matters directly to clients 	
	(1 AO1) and are the first point of contact (1 AO1) like a GP is for medical matters (1 AO1)	
	AND two of:	
	 Solicitor firms available on every high street/online (1 AO2) 	
	 Provide general advice and staff duty solicitor rota for help when a person detained at police station (1 AO2) 	
	 Usually restricted to representing clients in lower courts (1 AO2) 	
	 More common to instruct solicitor (general advice) first and then be referred to appropriate specialist barrister (1 AO1), as barristers can appear to represent clients in all courts (1 AO2). 	
	Or other appropriate examples	

Question number	(b) Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of having these two separate legal professions.			
	Indicative content			
3(c)	(2 AO1), (2 AO2), (4 AO3), (6 AO4)			
	Responses to include:			
	Different training required for both			
	 Regulation and professional bodies 			
	 The Royal Commission on Legal Services in 1979 (the Benson Commission) 			
	 The Marre Committee (set up by the Bar Council and Law Society) in 1988 and recent surveys 			
	 Rights of audience Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 and the Access to Justice Act 1999 			
	 Availability of training places for both professions, selecting route and cost to trainees 			
	 Availability of employment/pupillage on qualification 			
	Duplicating work			
	Cost to clients			
	 Independence of the Bar and cab-rank rule 			
	 Alternative business structures - Legal Services Act 2007 			
	 Legal Education and Training Review (LETR) 			
	Awareness of current proposals			

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Level 2	4-6	Elements of knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.		
		Knowledge and understanding are applied appropriately to the given legal situation.		
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		There is an attempt to raise possible outcomes and conclusions based on interpretations of the law.		
Level 3	7–10	Accurate knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.		
		Knowledge and understanding are supported by relevant legal authorities and legal theories and applied to the given legal situation.		
		Logical chains of reasoning are presented, but connections and/or unbalanced support of legal authorities may be inconsistent or unbalanced.		
		Evaluation attempts to contrast the validity and significance of competing arguments, which may include unbalanced comparisons, possible outcomes and conclusions based on valid interpretations of the law.		
Level 4	11-14	Accurate and thorough knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.		
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Question number	(a) Describe the role of the Law Commission.			
	Answer			
4(a)	(1 AO1), (1 AO2)			
	One mark for providing an accurate description of the law commission (1 AO1), and one mark for an example of their influence for expansion (1 AO2).			
	Description of the role of the Law Commission could include:			
	Membership of the Commission and its aims (1 AO1)			
	how it chooses and investigates an issue (1 AO1)			
	AND			
	• its role in codifying law, e.g. Offences against the Person Act 1861 (1 AO2).			
	 its role in consolidating law, e.g. Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000. (1 AO2). 			
	 its role in recommending the repeal of old law, e.g. removal of double jeopardy rule. (1 AO2). 			

Question number	(b) Explain what influence the Law Commission has in relation to Parliament Answer	Marks
4(b)	(2 AO1), (2 AO2)	(4)
	Two marks for providing points of influence/non-influence (2 AO1), and two marks for examples/expansion of these points (2 AO2).	
	Responses are likely to include:	
	Influence of the Law Commission could include:	
	 Commissioners have considerable legal expertise 	
	 Reports are well informed and researched, based on considerable evidence 	
	 Law Commission is independent and non-political 	
	 Draft laws are presented with their report. 	
	 Only a small percentage of reports are accepted and acted on by Parliament 	
	 Lack of power – there is no obligation to consult the Law Commission before any new law is introduced 	
	 Investigations can be lengthy 	
	 Several areas of law are investigated at one time 	
	 Investigations may not be completely thorough. 	
	Any other relevant examples	

Questio n number	(c) Evaluate the influence of the media and pressure groups on Parliamentary law making.			
	Indicative content			
4(c)	2 AO1), (2 AO2), (4 AO3), (6 AO4)	(14)		
	Responses are likely to include:			
	Description of media as an influence could include:			
	What is meant by media – radio, TV, Press, Internet, Social Media			
	 how media can influence Parliament such as campaigns, articles, features, specific events 			
	 when they can influence –Hillsborough or as part of a regular campaign e.g. immigration, EU membership 			
	 effect of influence no change in law or eventual change in the law, e.g. Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and recent amendment 			
	Advantages of media could include:			
	They raise issues of public concern with decision makers			
	They can support pressure groups			
	They can raise public awareness of an issue			
	They can generate public support			
	Disadvantages of the media could include:			
	 Creating a panic and causing 'knee jerk' legislation 			
	 They may represent a small percentage of the population 			
	They may not be able to effectively influence parliament			
	Ownership of the media source and possible bias			
	Pressure groups as an influence could include:			
	 meaning of pressure group, including reference to the different types of group (insider and outsider, sectional and cause groups) 			
	 when and whom they can influence – insider groups involved in the drafting of a bill and consulted by minister or civil servants; sectional groups only likely to be consulted when legislation is being drafted that affects their group of members 			
	 how they influence - consultation may be arranged following lobbying, direct action such as strikes or demonstrations likely to be used by outsider or cause groups who may not be consulted in law making process 			
	effect of influence by campaigns such as Snowdrop, or Fathers4Justice.Conclusion, weighing up the evidence			

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Level 2	4-6	Elements of knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.		
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Level 3	7–10	Accurate knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.		
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Level 4	11-14	Accurate and thorough knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.		
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Question number	Evaluate whether the arguments for the abolition of the jury in England and Wales are more persuasive than those for its continued use. Indicative content	Marks
_		(20)
5	(2 AO1), (2 AO2), (8 AO3), (8 AO4)	(20)
	Responses to include:	
	Discussion for the abolition of the jury could include:	
	return of perverse verdicts	
	compulsory, so reluctant to be there	
	burden on employers of absentee staff through jury service influence / progrum from outside or inside iver.	
	influence / pressure from outside or inside jury pressure from modia publicity	
	pressure from media publicity sempley issues / lask of understanding ability to follow	
	 complex issues / lack of understanding, ability to follow reaching the verdict - issues and problems 	
	 cost of jury trial 	
	Discussion for the continued use of the jury could include:	
	 cross section of community 	
	 wide variety of views / backgrounds/ ages 	
	local knowledge	
	trial by peers	
	 number of jurors on jury 	
	 burden of proof and need for unanimous / majority verdict 	
	 guidance and direction of judge on legal issues 	
	A conclusion that could include:	
	 discussion of and connections made between abolition and continued use 	
	contrasting and comparing abolition and continued use	
	weighing up the validity and significance of each	
	 effective justification to support the conclusion reached 	

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		There may be an incomplete attempt to raise possible outcomes and conclusions based on interpretations of the law.		
Level 2	5-8	Elements of knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.		
		Knowledge and understanding are applied appropriately to the given legal situation.		
		Chains of reasoning are attempted but connections are incomplete or inaccurate, and support of legal authorities may be applied inappropriately.		
		There is an attempt to raise possible outcomes and conclusions based on interpretations of the law.		
Level 3	9-14	Accurate knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.		
		Knowledge and understanding are supported by relevant legal authorities and legal theories and applied to the given legal situation.		
		Logical chains of reasoning are presented, but connections and/or unbalanced support of legal authorities may be inconsistent or unbalanced.		
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Level 4	15-20	Accurate and thorough knowledge and understanding are demonstrated.		
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