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Paper 1 Structure and Operation of the English Legal System

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1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **three** questions.

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

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Answer **three** questions.

- 1 The criminal justice system depends on the unqualified layperson.

Explain the role of the magistrate and the jury in the criminal justice system and consider whether it might be preferable to replace them with qualified personnel. [25]

- 2 'The duty of the courts is to interpret the words.'
Lord Simonds, *Magor and St. Mellons R.D.C. v Newport Corporation* [1952]

Explain the main approaches used by judges in interpreting statutes and comment on the usefulness of each approach. [25]

- 3 Describe the jurisdiction of the civil courts and the three-track system. Assess whether these systems have made it easier for the public to use the civil courts. [25]

- 4 Arun is 15 years old and has been found guilty of 4 charges of theft. He has appeared before the Youth Court on three previous occasions for the same offence.

Explain the sentences available to the court and consider the aim of each sentence. [25]

- 5 Explain how Equity developed and assess its use in modern times. [25]

- 6 Explain the current roles of barristers and solicitors and comment on whether it is true to say that they now carry out the same functions. [25]

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