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Additional Materials: Answer Booklet/Paper

1 hour 30 minutes

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.
Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **three** questions.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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

Answer any **three** questions

- 1 'Juries are anti-democratic, irrational and haphazard'.

To what extent do you think that this is an accurate description of the **selection** and **role** of the jury? [25]

- 2 Discuss the different aids to and rules of interpretation available to the court when faced with an ambiguous piece of legislation. [25]

- 3 'The tribunal is a more appropriate way of deciding civil disputes than a court.'

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer. [25]

- 4 Evaluate the contribution made by the Human Rights Act 1998 to the development of English law. [25]

- 5 'Judges hold a position of central importance in relation to the concept of the Rule of Law. They are expected to deliver judgement in a completely impartial manner through a strict application of the law, without allowing their personal preference, or fear or favour of any parties to the action, to affect their decision in any way.' (Gary Slapper and Graham Kelly: *The English Legal System*, 2001).

Critically analyse this view of the role of a judge today. [25]

- 6 Your friend Lenny has just been convicted of an offence in the Magistrates Court. He says he did not do it and wants to appeal. Critically analyse the different ways that he may appeal against the decision of the court. [25]

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