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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 Describe the various methods of alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Assess whether ADR provides a better way for individuals to resolve a civil dispute than using the court system. [25]

- 2 Equity is merely a gloss on the Common Law.

Discuss the accuracy of this statement, using cases and examples.

[25]

- 3 Delegated legislation is an essential form of lawmaking, but it brings with it certain disadvantages.

Explain the different types of delegated legislation and assess the accuracy of the above statement.

[25]

- 4 The layman is an essential part of the English legal system.

Explain and compare the role of the jury and the magistrate. What problems may be created by the use of laymen?

[25]

- 5 Louise, aged 26, has been convicted in the Magistrates' Court of theft of a gold bracelet worth £1000 and sentenced to six months in prison. She wishes to appeal against both her conviction and her sentence.

Explain and evaluate the different ways in which she may appeal against these decisions.

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- 6 Compare the training and role of barristers and solicitors.

How far is it true to say that the two professions are now identical?

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