



## *Units 3 and 4 Legal Studies*

### *Practice Exam Question and Answer Booklet*

Duration: 15 minutes reading time, 2 hours writing time

Structure of book:

	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
	12	12	70
		Total	70

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers and rulers.
- Students are not permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied:

- This question and answer booklet of 19 pages.

Instructions:

- You must complete all questions of the examination.
- Write all your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.

## Short-answer questions

### Instructions

Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

#### Question 1

'The need for legal representation is a key beneficial element of the adversarial system of trial'.

- a. Give one reason why you agree with this statement.

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- b. Give one reason why you disagree with this statement.

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**Total: 2 marks**

**Question 2**

Outline the role of the Senate.

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**Question 3**

Jane was charged with the offence of evading tolls while transporting specialty goods from Victoria to New South Wales, an indictable offence under the *Trade Between States Act 1987 (VIC)* S39(i).

a. Where would Jane's trial be heard? Explain your choice.

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b. What is the civil jurisdiction of this court? (Include original and appellate jurisdictions).

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c. Outline two major differences between the system of trial used by this court and the inquisitorial system.

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- d. After being found guilty of this offence, Jane decides that the piece of legislation contravenes S. 92 of *The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1900 (UK)*.
- i. In which court would this claim be heard?

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- ii. What is one role of this court?

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**Total: 6 marks**

**Question 4**

In order for a Bill to become a law, it must pass through both houses of parliament.

- a. What occurs in the 'second reading' stage of the progress of a Bill?

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- b. What stage of the process would amendments most likely be made at?

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**Question 5**

Pressures for change in the law can be classed as either 'formal' or informal'.

- a. Describe one informal pressure for change and comment on how successful it is.

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**Question 7**

Using an example, illustrate to what extent the High Court interpretation is able to change the way law making powers are divided between the State and Commonwealth parliaments.

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**Question 8**

Outline one criminal sanction and one purpose of a criminal sanction that it fulfils.

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