



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
	13	13	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 20 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

Explain the role of the Upper House in the Commonwealth Parliament.

3 marks

Question 2

The murder of Jill Meagher by convicted rapist Adrian Bayley whilst on parole has raised questions about how the parole system operates in Victoria. The husband of Jill Meagher and the families of other victims of crimes committed by offenders on parole have raised serious questions that Parliament will have to address.

Using the information above, explain one way individuals can influence a change in the law.

2 marks

Question 3

S.51 (xii) of the Commonwealth Constitution gives the Commonwealth Parliament the power to make laws with respect to 'currency, coinage and legal tender.' S.115 of the Commonwealth Constitution says that 'A State shall not coin money, nor make anything but gold and silver coin a legal tender in payment of debts.'

- a. Using these sections as examples, distinguish between a specific law-making power and an exclusive law-making power.

4 marks

- b. Outline the role of the Crown in the law-making process.

1 mark

Total: 5 marks

6 marks

Question 5

The Supreme Court of Victoria has two divisions, a trial division and an appellate division.

- a. Outline the appellate jurisdiction of each of these divisions in criminal cases.

2 marks

- b. Describe two reasons, other than providing a system of appeals, why a court hierarchy is necessary.

2 marks

Total: 4 marks

6 marks

6 marks

6 marks

6 marks

10 marks

End of Booklet

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