

LAW

Time Allowed – 1.5 hours

Answer THREE Questions:

- one from Section A
- the compulsory question in Section B
- the compulsory question in Section C

Section A carries 40 marks

Section B carries 30 marks

Section C carries 30 marks

SECTION A (40 marks)

Answer ONE of the following questions:

1. Discuss the potential role of the law in **one** of the following areas. Explain why it might be controversial. Discuss how and to what extent the law might contribute to a resolution of the problems in the area:
 - (a) Air quality and emission pollution
 - (b) Fake news
 - (c) Weapon carrying
 - (d) Gender pay gap
2. Explain your understanding of the words “law” and “morality.” To what extent do you think the law should be influenced by morality?
3. Explain your understanding of the term “human rights” and provide any relevant examples of which you are aware. Why is the legal protection of these rights necessary?

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SECTION B (30 marks)

The law relating to criminal damage is as follows:

Section 1 of the Criminal Damage Act 1971 states:

“(1) A person who without lawful excuse destroys or damages any property belonging to another intending to destroy or damage any such property or being reckless as to whether any such property would be destroyed or damaged shall be guilty of an offence.”

You are a judge who has to decide in the cases of the following individuals:

(a) Carl, who has become frustrated that his neighbour’s tree is blocking his view of the sea, and cuts the tree down with a chainsaw whilst his neighbour is at work.

(b) Pauline, who scratches the side of the car parked adjacent to hers while removing her suitcase from the back seat of her car.

Which if either of these defendants do you decide is guilty of criminal damage? Explain your reasoning in each case.

SECTION C (30 Marks)

“Cheating has been a malign influence in sport for many years, from the match-fixing scandal of the "Chicago Black Sox" that rocked American baseball in 1919, to the "Hand of God" incident at the 1986 World Cup, to the Paralympics scandal involving the Spanish basketball team. All in their own way have threatened the integrity of the sporting competition. However, whilst match-fixing and race-fixing in particular have been high profile challenges for sport, it is the threat posed by the use of performance enhancing drugs that has become perhaps the most pervasive example of cheating and corruption and the biggest threat to its integrity that sport now faces.” (P Charlish, European Journal of Current Legal Issues, 2016)

Provide one argument for the legal regulation of the use of performance enhancing drugs in sports and one argument against.