

Trial Examination 2023

## HSC Year 12 Legal Studies

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### General Instructions

- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – 3 hours
- Write using black pen

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### Total Marks: 100

#### Section I – 20 marks (pages 2–5)

- Attempt Questions 1–20
- Allow about 30 minutes for this section

#### Section II – 30 marks (pages 7–19)

This section has two parts, Part A and Part B

- Allow about 1 hour for this section

Part A – 15 marks

- Attempt Questions 21–23

Part B – 15 marks

- Attempt Question 24

#### Section III – 50 marks (pages 20–21)

- Attempt TWO questions from Questions 25–31, each from a different Option
- Allow about 1 hour and 30 minutes for this section

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## SECTION I

20 marks

Attempt Questions 1–20

Allow about 30 minutes for this section

Use the multiple-choice answer sheet for Questions 1–20.

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- 1 Diego is 16 years old and has been accused of murder.  
Which court would hear his case?
  - A. Family Court
  - B. District Court
  - C. Children’s Court
  - D. Supreme Court
  
- 2 Which of the following must be proven in the strict liability offence of drink driving?
  - A. *mens rea*
  - B. causation
  - C. *actus reus*
  - D. irresponsibility
  
- 3 In a criminal trial, what is the main difference between the roles of the prosecution and the defence?
  - A. the burden of proof
  - B. the way the jury is selected
  - C. the ability to question witnesses
  - D. the types of evidence that can be used
  
- 4 Which of the following best describes civil and political rights?
  - A. rights required for all countries
  - B. the ability to work and join a trade union
  - C. aspirational rights for developing countries
  - D. rights that are only enforceable through treaties and declarations
  
- 5 Gabrielle is charged with murder.  
Why would Gabrielle be denied bail?
  - A. Gabrielle pleaded not guilty to the offence.
  - B. Gabrielle is innocent until proven guilty.
  - C. Gabrielle’s risk factors cannot be mitigated with bail conditions.
  - D. Gabrielle has been accused of committing a serious, indictable offence.

- 6** In terms of the purposes of punishment, which of the following is most closely linked to the concept of retribution?
- A. mitigating factors
  - B. forum sentencing
  - C. sentencing guidelines
  - D. victim impact statements
- 7** Australia and Indonesia have a territorial dispute over an island in the Indian Ocean. Where could they settle this dispute?
- A. the United Nations Secretariat
  - B. the International Criminal Court
  - C. the International Court of Justice
  - D. the United Nations General Assembly
- 8** Which of the following is an example of social crime prevention?
- A. parking fine signage
  - B. a youth job-training program
  - C. CCTV cameras at a shopping centre
  - D. private security guards at a public beach
- 9** Malik and Akira are accused of being involved in the hacking of a telecommunication company's database and stealing customer details. If Akira is found to be an accessory after the fact, which of the following actions did she take?
- A. Akira planned the hacking.
  - B. Akira supplied the computer passwords that could be used to access the database.
  - C. Akira hacked into the accounts.
  - D. Akira sold some of the customer details to scammers.
- 10** Lani, who is 18 years old, and her friend Adriel, who is 16 years old, are arrested for committing an offence. Which of the following will NOT be different for Lani and Adriel during their arrest?
- A. access to legal advice via telephone
  - B. being subject to a strip search by police
  - C. the length of time that they can be arrested for
  - D. having a responsible guardian present when questioned
- 11** Which of the following is NOT a transnational crime?
- A. drug trafficking
  - B. using child soldiers
  - C. attempting to smuggle people
  - D. importing exotic wildlife without a permit

- 12** After a lengthy jury trial, Kofi is sentenced for manslaughter rather than murder. What would be the most likely reason for this?
- A. an early guilty plea
  - B. use of a partial defence
  - C. use of charge negotiation
  - D. use of a complete defence
- 13** The United Nations Security Council decides to not intervene in a war between two countries because France has close ties with one of the countries involved. The United Nations would choose to not intervene in this instance due to
- A. state sovereignty.
  - B. the lack of enforceability of international law.
  - C. the veto powers of one of its permanent members.
  - D. the matter not being initially heard by the International Court of Justice.
- 14** Imani is a university student who takes the Australian government to the High Court regarding the introduction of a new law that unfairly targets a particular cultural group. The High Court finds in favour of Imani. Which of the following does this decision best reflect?
- A. the division of powers
  - B. the separation of powers
  - C. the constitutional rights of individuals
  - D. the enforcement of international treaties
- 15** Mali is 22 years old and is sentenced for assault. This is her first offence. What is the most likely decision from the judge presiding over her case?
- A. a caution
  - B. youth justice conferencing
  - C. a reduced sentence due to mitigating factors
  - D. a lengthy sentence due to aggravating factors
- 16** Which of the following is an intergovernmental organisation that promotes human rights?
- A. the European Union
  - B. Amnesty International
  - C. the International Criminal Court
  - D. the international branch of the Red Cross

- 17** What is the purpose of the *Young Offenders Act 1997*?
- A. promoting recidivism
  - B. promoting restorative justice
  - C. enforcing the use of custodial sentences
  - D. allowing judges to use mandatory sentences
- 18** Which of the following principles does legal aid in New South Wales attempt to achieve?
- A. accessibility
  - B. self-representation
  - C. protecting the right to a fair trial
  - D. enforcing the rule of law
- 19** Omar and James are planning to rob a bank. Kim overhears their plans and reports them to the police, who then arrest Omar and James.  
What type of crime have Omar and James committed?
- A. an economic offence
  - B. a preliminary offence
  - C. a public order offence
  - D. an offence against the person
- 20** Ishaan is placed into protective custody due to the child-related nature of the crimes he committed.  
This is an example of
- A. rehabilitation.
  - B. a diversionary program.
  - C. post-sentencing considerations.
  - D. the role of the victim in sentencing.

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## Section II Answer Booklet

**30 marks**

**Allow about 1 hour for this section**

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**Instructions**

- Use this answer booklet for Section II ONLY.
  - Answer BOTH Part A and Part B.
  - Follow the instructions inside this booklet as to where you should write your answers.
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**SECTION II**

**Part A – Human Rights**

**15 marks**

**Attempt Questions 21–23**

Answer the questions in the spaces provided. These spaces provide guidance for the expected length of response.

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**Question 21 (3 marks)**

Outline ONE example of the developing recognition of human rights.

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**End of Section II Part A**

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**SECTION II (continued)**

**Part B – Crime**

**15 marks**

**Attempt Question 24**

Answer the question on pages 12–17 of the Section II Answer Booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

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Your answer will be assessed on how well you:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of legal issues relevant to the question
- communicate using relevant legal terminology and concepts
- refer to relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents
- present a sustained, logical and cohesive response.

**Question 24 (15 marks)**

Assess the importance of law reform in the criminal justice system.

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### **SECTION III – Options**

**50 marks**

**Attempt TWO questions from Questions 25–31, each from a different Option**

**Allow about 1 hour and 30 minutes for this section**

Answer both questions in the Section III Writing Booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

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- communicate using relevant legal terminology and concepts
- refer to relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents
- present a sustained, logical and cohesive response.

#### **Question 25 — Consumers (25 marks)**

- (a) To what extent do courts and/or tribunals promote compliance with laws concerning consumers? **25**

**OR**

- (b) Laws relating to consumers reflect changing values and ethical standards. **25**  
Evaluate this statement in relation to at least ONE contemporary issue.

#### **Question 26 — Global Environmental Protection (25 marks)**

- (a) To what extent do courts and/or tribunals promote compliance with laws concerning the environment? **25**

**OR**

- (b) Laws relating to global environmental protection reflect changing values and ethical standards. **25**  
Evaluate this statement in relation to at least ONE contemporary issue.

#### **Question 27 — Family (25 marks)**

- (a) To what extent do courts and/or tribunals promote compliance with laws concerning families? **25**

**OR**

- (b) Laws relating to family law reflect changing values and ethical standards. **25**  
Evaluate this statement in relation to at least ONE contemporary issue.

#### **Question 28 — Indigenous Peoples (25 marks)**

- (a) To what extent do courts and/or tribunals promote compliance with laws concerning Indigenous peoples? **25**

**OR**

- (b) Laws relating to Indigenous peoples reflect changing values and ethical standards. **25**  
Evaluate this statement in relation to at least ONE contemporary issue.

**Question 29 — Shelter** (25 marks)

- (a) To what extent do courts and/or tribunals promote compliance with laws concerning people seeking shelter? **25**

**OR**

- (b) Laws relating to shelter reflect changing values and ethical standards. **25**  
Evaluate this statement in relation to at least ONE contemporary issue.

**Question 30 — Workplace** (25 marks)

- (a) To what extent do courts and/or tribunals promote compliance with laws concerning the workplace? **25**

**OR**

- (b) Laws relating to the workplace reflect changing values and ethical standards. **25**  
Evaluate this statement in relation to at least ONE contemporary issue.

**Question 31 — World Order** (25 marks)

- (a) To what extent do courts and/or tribunals promote compliance with laws concerning world order? **25**

**OR**

- (b) Laws relating to world order reflect changing values and ethical standards. **25**  
Evaluate this statement in relation to at least ONE contemporary issue.

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### DIRECTIONS:

Write your name in the space provided.

Write your student number in the boxes provided below. Then, in the columns of digits below each box, fill in the oval which has the same number as you have written in the box. Fill in **one** oval only in each column.

Read each question and its suggested answers. Select the alternative A, B, C, or D that best answers the question. Fill in the response oval completely, using blue or black pen. Mark only **one** oval per question.

A  B  C  D

If you think you have made a mistake, put a cross through the incorrect answer and fill in the new answer.

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If you change your mind and have crossed out what you consider to be the correct answer, then indicate this by writing the word *correct* and draw an arrow as follows.

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### SECTION I MULTIPLE-CHOICE ANSWER SHEET

1. A  B  C  D
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19. A  B  C  D
20. A  B  C  D

**STUDENTS SHOULD NOW CONTINUE  
WITH SECTIONS II AND III**

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### Section III Writing Booklet

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#### Instructions

- Use this writing booklet for Section III ONLY
- Answer TWO questions from Section III
- Answer ONE question from Section III on pages 2–8
- Write the question number, question part [(a) or (b)] and the Option you have studied in the spaces provided on page 2
- If you need more space for this question, ask for an extra writing booklet
  
- Answer ANOTHER question from Section III on pages 10–16
- Write the question number, question part [(a) or (b)] and the Option you have studied in the spaces provided on page 10
- If you need more space for this question, ask for an extra writing booklet
- Write the number of this booklet and the total number of booklets that you have used for this section (e.g.  of  )

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**End of first option question**

**Turn over for second option question**



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