

YEAR 12 *Trial Exam Paper*

2016

LEGAL STUDIES

Written examination

STUDENT NAME:

Reading time: 15 minutes

Writing time: 2 hours

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
13	13	70

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- Students are NOT permitted to bring sheets of paper or white-out liquid/tape into the examination.
- Calculators are not permitted in this examination.

Materials provided

- The question and answer book of 23 pages.
- Additional writing space is provided at the end of this book if you require more space to complete an answer.

Instructions

- Write your **name** in the box provided.
- Make use of the stimulus material where included. However, it is not intended that this material will provide all the information to fully answer the question.
- You must answer the questions in English.

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Question 3 (4 marks)

a. Using an example, outline **one** reason why law needs to change.

2 marks

In December 2015, police arrested eight people involved in the ‘Flood the System’ demonstration, which demanded action on climate change.

b. Identify **one** strength and **one** weakness of a demonstration as a means for influencing legislative change.

2 marks

In a recent criminal case, the defendant was found guilty and sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

b. Other than serving a term of imprisonment, describe **one** criminal sanction.

2 marks

c. Discuss the extent to which **one** civil remedy achieves its purpose.

2 marks

Question 6 (2 marks)

The government of Victoria has announced that it plans to initiate legislation on same-sex marriage when the state parliament resumes sitting. A spokesperson for the Commonwealth Government made it clear that, because family law is a concurrent law-making area, Victoria's state law will ultimately be challenged.

Explain what affect section 109 (s. 109) of the Commonwealth Constitution could have on this case.
