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Answer **three** questions.

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Answer **three** questions.

1 'Sometimes the courts are not the most appropriate places to resolve civil disputes.'

Explain what alternatives exist for resolving civil disputes and the extent to which they might be considered effective. [25]

2 Describe the formal process of statute creation and evaluate the effectiveness of this process. [25]

3 Rose, aged 25, has been charged with the theft of a leather jacket worth £350 from a local shop. Theft is a triable either way offence. She intends to plead not guilty.

Explain how her case will progress through the criminal courts. [25]

4 Describe the agencies created for law reform in England and Wales. Evaluate whether they are as effective as the common law in encouraging changes in the law. [25]

5 'Most judges are white, male and upper class, whilst magistrates are more representative of society.'

Explain the selection process for judges and magistrates in the English Legal System and discuss whether or not the above statement is true. [25]

6 'Through jury service, members of the public contribute to decision making in criminal law.'

Explain how jurors are selected and discuss the merits of the jury system. [25]

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