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Paper 1 Structure and Operation of the English Legal System **May/June 2016**

1 hour 30 minutes

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **three** questions.

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Answer **three** questions.

1 Explain the selection process for judges in the English legal system. Consider whether it ensures that judges are drawn from a wide enough background. [25]

2 "Their Lordships regard the use of precedent as an indispensable foundation upon which to decide what is the law and its application to individual cases." Lord Gardiner – Practice Statement 1966

Explain how precedent is used in English law using cases to illustrate your answer. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this system. [25]

3 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) has become increasingly popular because of the difficulties of trying to resolve disputes within the court system.

Explain the different types of ADR available and consider whether they offer a better option for those with civil disputes. Do **not** refer to tribunals. [25]

4 Ivan, aged 21, gets into an argument over a parking space. Ivan pushes John, who falls and bangs his head. John later dies in hospital. Ivan is tried and is found guilty of manslaughter.

Describe the sentences which might be imposed on Ivan. Consider which aims of sentencing might be achieved by these sentences. [25]

5 Explain the role of the formal law reform bodies, including some examples of their work. Consider to what extent these bodies are effective. [25]

6 The layperson has proved to be an essential feature of the English legal system.

Describe the role of both the lay magistrate and the jury. Discuss the problems with using them in the legal system. [25]

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