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Answer **three** questions.

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Answer **three** questions.

1 Consider critically, and with reference to decided cases, the strengths and weaknesses of the system of precedent which operates in English law. [25]

2 'The police have too few powers to deal with crime.'

Analysing the statutory powers of the police in England and Wales, consider the extent to which you would agree or disagree with this statement. [25]

3 'The appointment of the judiciary in no way reflects the composition of society as a whole.'

Analyse the extent to which you would support this view. Consider any steps which have been taken to improve diversity amongst the judiciary. [25]

4 The following report appeared in *The Casterbridge News*, a local newspaper:

'In his trial at the Crown Court in Casterbridge, Troy denied that he had carried out the theft but the jury did not believe him and sentenced him to eighteen months' imprisonment.'

Consider critically the role of the jury in a Crown Court trial. Do you detect any inaccuracy in the press report of Troy's trial? [25]

5 Analyse critically the main types of delegated legislation. How necessary and how desirable is delegated legislation within the legal system as a whole? [25]

6 Given the importance of the work that they do, discuss whether the present system of appointing and training lay magistrates is an adequate one. [25]

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