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Paper 1 Structure and Operation of the English Legal System **October/November 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.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer **three** questions.

1 The Law Commission was created to simplify and modernise the law.

Explain how the Law Commission works and consider whether public opinion might also be able to provide an influence for changes to the law. [25]

2 Describe the training of both barristers and solicitors. Discuss whether they fulfil different roles in the English legal system. [25]

3 Judicial precedent needs to be both certain and flexible.

Explain how precedent works and discuss how far the system can achieve both of these aims. [25]

4 Explain the procedure and composition of tribunals. Discuss whether they provide better justice than the courts. [25]

5 Anjali has been found guilty of the theft of a painting and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by the Magistrates' Court. She claims that she is not guilty and a witness has now come forward to give her an alibi.

Explain the possible appeals available to Anjali from the Magistrates' Court and advise her of any difficulties she may encounter. [25]

6 The jury has often been described as the cornerstone of the English legal system.

Explain the role of the jury in both civil and criminal cases and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this system. [25]

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