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Paper 1 Structure and Operation of the English Legal System **October/November 2020**

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You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Answer **three** questions.

1 Explain how a bill becomes an Act of Parliament. Assess the effectiveness of this process for creating law. [25]

2 Johann has been arrested and charged with three counts of assault. He is 42 and has previously been convicted of theft. He has a wife and three children under the age of eight who live with him in a rented flat. He has a job as a mechanic in a local garage. He also has family in Australia.

Explain which factors will be considered when deciding whether or not to grant bail to Johann. Justify whether it is ever appropriate to grant bail to someone charged with an offence. [25]

3 Explain **three** types of delegated legislation. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this form of law-making. [25]

4 In both the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court, laypeople are used to make decisions.

Explain the role of both the jury and the lay magistrate in criminal cases. Assess the extent to which it is appropriate to use non-qualified people for these roles. [25]

5 Explain the various forms of alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each. [25]

6 Describe the structure and role of the Crown Prosecution Service. Assess the extent to which it has been successful in preventing miscarriages of justice. [25]

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