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Paper 1 Structure and Operation of the English Legal System **October/November 2021**

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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 Tatleen has been charged with the theft of £2000 from her place of work. Theft is a triable either way offence.

Explain the pre-trial process for Tatleen after she has been charged. Discuss the issues she should consider when deciding on a venue for trial. [25]

2 Describe the training of lay magistrates and their role in both civil and criminal cases. Assess whether the training ensures effective lay personnel. [25]

3 Describe the process through which a Bill must pass to become an Act of Parliament. Discuss the extent to which this process leads to the creation of effective laws. [25]

4 The rules of precedent mean that law is static and cannot change.

Explain how precedent works. Assess the accuracy of the statement above. [25]

5 In 2018, research showed that 29% of judges were female.

Describe the recruitment and appointment processes for the judiciary. Assess whether these processes can improve diversity in the judiciary. [25]

6 Describe the routes of appeal open to both prosecution and defence against conviction and sentence in the Crown Court. Assess the effectiveness of this process in achieving justice. [25]

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