

Trial Examination 2011

VCE Legal Studies Units 3 & 4

Written Examination

Question and Answer Booklet

Reading time: 15 minutes

Writing time: 2 hours

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Structure of Booklet

Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
18	18	70

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Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.

No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied

Question and answer booklet of 17 pages.

Additional script booklets as required.

Instructions

Write your **name** and your **teacher's name** in the space provided on this booklet(s).

You should make use of stimulus material where it is included. However, it is not intended that this material will provide you with all the information to fully answer the question.

All written responses must be in English.

At the end of the examination

Place all other used script booklets inside the front cover of this booklet and hand them in.

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Instructions

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided. In Question 16, answer either part **a.** or part **b.** Indicate which part, **a.** or **b.**, of Question 16 you have answered.

Question 1

Outline the structure of the Commonwealth Parliament.

1 mark

Question 2

A bill must pass through a number of stages in parliament before it becomes law. One of these is proclamation.

Outline this stage.

1 mark

Question 7

‘If not for the existence of a court hierarchy in our Australian legal system, the doctrine of precedent could not operate effectively.’

Explain **one** further reason for a court hierarchy.

2 marks

Question 8

The division of powers under the Australian Constitution identifies a number of specific powers in which the Commonwealth Parliament can make laws.

Supported by examples, **distinguish** between exclusive and concurrent powers.

3 marks

Question 16

Joe is on trial charged with murder and a jury has been empanelled for the case.

- a. Identify **two** courts that would have been involved in this case and the title of the person presiding over the case in each court.

First court: _____	Person presiding: _____
Second court: _____	Person presiding: _____

2 marks

- b. Explain **one** difference between the role of the jury and the role of the person presiding over this case at the trial.

2 marks

- c. Once the jury pool has been determined and has arrived at the court in which Joe is to go on trial, outline the process involved in empanelling the jury for this case.

3 marks

