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VCE LEGAL STUDIES

2012

Practice examination

Reading time: 15 minutes

Writing time: 2 hours

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of Marks</i>
13	13	70

- Students are permitted to bring into the assessment room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the assessment room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.

Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 5 pages.
- Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer

Instructions

- Write **your name and teacher's name** in the spaces provided above.
- All written responses must be in English.

Note to teachers/students: The 2012 examination will consist of 70 marks of questions, to be answered in 120 minutes. This examination's ratio of marks to time is aiming to be reflective of the updated examination structure.

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Question 9

Australia has a strong democratic system in which the Australian people are represented by a powerful and accountable parliament.

- a. Describe **one** reason why laws may need to be changed by parliament, and provide an example of when this occurred.

2 marks

- b. Compare the role played by the lower house in the federal parliamentary system with the role played by the upper house.

3 marks

