

Law

Time allowed: 1.5 hours (90 minutes)

Answer **THREE** Questions

- **One from Section A**
- **The compulsory question in section B**
- **The compulsory question in section C**

Section A carries 40 marks

Section B carries 30 marks

Section C carries 30 marks

SECTION A 40 marks

Answer ONE of the following questions:

1. Discuss the role of the law in **one** of the following areas. Explain why it might be controversial. Discuss how and to what extent the law might contribute to a resolution of the problems in the area:
 - a. Recreational drugs
 - b. Artificial intelligence
 - c. Automated weapons
 - d. Public protest and demonstrations

OR

2. Explain 'law' and 'justice.' Can a law be unjust? Can what is just ever be contrary to the law?

OR

3. An effective criminal justice system needs to strike an appropriate balance between punishing the guilty and protecting the innocent. Critically discuss this statement.

SECTION B 30 MARKS

A law has been drafted which relates to the running of a public park in Aberystwyth. It says, simply, "All types of vehicles are prohibited on these grounds." You are a judge who has to decide in the cases of the following individuals:

- a) A man using his mobility scooter.
- b) A man riding his electric bicycle.
- c) A woman who is pushing a supermarket trolley.

In your opinion, which of these individuals are guilty, if any? Explain your reasoning in each case.

SECTION C 30 MARKS

"The core duty of the police service is to protect the public by detecting and preventing crime. This duty is established in common law (precedents set by decisions of the courts) and the police have both common law and legislative powers to execute it."

J Brown, *Police Powers: An Introduction*, House of Commons Library, 21 October 2021.

Outline reasons why the police service is considered an effective or ineffective tool in the criminal justice system.