Information about the 2013 examination

The examination will be based on the Legal Studies Senior External Syllabus 2007. It will consist of two papers. Paper One will have 10 minutes perusal/planning time and 2 hours 30 minutes working time. Paper Two will have 10 minutes perusal/planning time and 3 hours working time.

A list of the syllabus topics to be assessed in 2013 is attached.

Paper One

Paper One will consist of two parts:

• Part A — Knowledge and understanding (short-response questions)
• Part B — Investigation (questions based on case studies; responses of approximately 300 words in length are required).

Paper Two

Paper Two will consist of two parts:

• Part A — You, the Law and Society
  − Section 1: Family
  − Section 2: Sport
• Part B — Law in a Changing Society.

Essay responses of approximately 600 words in length are required.

Prepared research task

The syllabus requires each candidate to complete a prepared research task during the year. Candidates will take their research material into the examination room to use when responding to one of two essay questions in Paper Two: Part A — Section 2.

Refer to page 6 of the syllabus for the methodology diagram that must be used to provide a framework for the research.

Although the research material itself will not be assessed by markers, it must be handed to the supervisor at the end of the examination. Research material allowed in the examination room may be handwritten or typed, and may include material such as notes, diagrams, references and quotations. All research material must fit on one double-sided sheet of A4 paper.

When responding to the selected essay question, candidates will be expected to use their research material to provide a legal response that:

• explains the current law
• evaluates legal and related social issues
• recommends any necessary reforms.

The research topics are overleaf.
Research topic: Sport

Candidates will research one of the following topics:

Either

Question 1 — Civil law and sport

Civil law impacts on sport in the areas of:

• contract
• negligence
• trespass to the person
• defamation
• discrimination.

Research at least two of the above areas.

or

Question 2 — Dispute resolution

When conflicts arise in sport in Australia, there are a range of organisations that attempt to resolve the issues at both a local and national level. These include the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA), the Court of Arbitration for Sport, the Australian Football League Tribunal and the National Rugby League Judiciary. These organisations operate alongside the traditional court system.

Level of achievement

Each candidate’s level of achievement will be determined by applying the syllabus standards to an overall assessment of responses across both Paper One and Paper Two.

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Syllabus topics to be assessed in 2013

Paper One

The Legal System
- What are the sources of law?
- How are disputes resolved?

Crime and Society
- What are the basic elements of criminal law?
- What are the rights of citizens and the powers of police?
- How are criminal matters prosecuted?
- What are the types of offences?

Civil Obligations — Agreements
- What constitutes an enforceable agreement?
- What are the remedies for breach of contract?

Civil Wrongs — Torts
- What are the elements of negligence?
- What are the defences to negligence?
- What are some other torts?
- What are some remedies for tort?

Paper Two

Part A — Section 1
You, the Law and Society — Family
- What is a family?
- How does the law provide for dissolution of and changes in family relationships?
- How does the legal system regulate the distribution of property?

Part A — Section 2
You, the Law and Society — Sport
- How does civil law impact on sport?
- What dispute resolution procedures exist?

Part B
Law in a Changing Society
- What makes a good law?
- Do the features and processes of Australia’s legal system facilitate making good laws?
- What current legal issues relate to law in a changing society?