Time allowed

- Perusal time: 10 minutes
- Working time: 3 hours

Examination materials provided

- Paper Two — Question book
- Paper Two — Response book

Equipment allowed

- QSA-approved equipment
- research task material completed during the year
  (for use when responding to Part A Section 2 — Technology)

Directions

You may write in this book during perusal time.

Paper Two has two parts:

- Part A — You, the law and society
  Attempt two questions only (one from Section 1 — Jobs and
  one from Section 2 — Technology)
- Part B — Law in a changing society
  Attempt one question only.

Suggested time allocation

- Part A Section 1: 60 minutes
  Section 2: 60 minutes
- Part B: 60 minutes

Assessment

Assessment standards are at the end of this book.

After the examination session

The research task material will be collected by the supervisor.
Take this book when you leave.
Planning space
Part A — You, the law and society

Section 1 — Jobs

Choose one question from Section 1 — Jobs and respond in essay form.

Your response should be approximately 600 words in length. It should comment on the current law and/or any proposed changes to legislation.

Write your response in the response book.

Suggested time allocation: 60 minutes.

Either

Question 1 — Work injuries

The law requires a compulsory employer-funded insurance scheme to be in place so that employees have access to funds if injured at work.

Critically review the law’s attempts to ensure that employees are adequately protected for injuries suffered during the course of their employment. Decide if changes need to be made to ensure that the system is fair for all stakeholders.

or

Question 2 — Safety at work

Employers and employees sometimes consider workplace health and safety requirements to be unnecessarily demanding.

Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of workplace health and safety laws to determine if changes are necessary.

or

Question 3 — Bullying in the workplace

To some people, bullying within the workplace is a normal part of workplace culture and is regarded as simply harmless fun.

Discuss this statement in relation to the legal issues involved with workplace bullying. Evaluate the effectiveness of workplace policies in trying to eliminate workplace bullying and whether current legislation adequately deals with this issue.

End of Section 1

Part A continues overleaf
Section 2 — Technology

You were required to complete a research task during the year, and bring your research material into the examination room. The research material must be used in your response to one of the essay topics below. Although the research material itself will not be assessed by markers, it must be handed in to the supervisor at the end of the examination.

Choose one question from Section 2 — Technology and respond in essay form.

Your response should be approximately 600 words in length. It should comment on the current law and/or any proposed changes to legislation.

Write your response in the response book.

Suggested time allocation: 60 minutes.

Either

Question 1

The internet has created a forum where copyright infringement is extremely easy. Piracy and attempts by copyright owners to keep control of their intellectual property is a daily battle conducted both online and in the courts.

Evaluate the conflict between copyright owners and those infringing their rights. Discuss how the legal system has responded to this problem. Evaluate the effectiveness of current laws dealing with this area. Suggest changes to improve the effectiveness of current laws to ensure fairness to all stakeholders.

or

Question 2

The number of people using online social networks has exploded in recent years. For example, it is estimated that approximately half of Australian internet users are on Facebook. Users of online social networks may be exposed to fraud and identity theft due to the large amount of personal data they make available.

Discuss the effectiveness of the current laws in Australia that regulate online interactions. To what extent is it the government’s responsibility to protect individuals online? Make justified recommendations about any changes to the law that could be made to better protect members of society against fraud and identity theft.

End of Section 2

End of Part A
Part B — Law in a changing society

Choose one question from Part B — Law in a Changing Society and respond in essay form.

Your response should be approximately 600 words in length. It should comment on the current law and/or any proposed changes to legislation.

Write your response in the response book.

Suggested time allocation: 60 minutes.

Either

Question 1

Changes in the law can be brought about by legislation or through court action.

Assess the advantages and disadvantages of each of these methods of change. Comment on the effectiveness of each in contemporary Australian society in bringing about real change.

or

Question 2

Since the terrorist attacks in America on 11 September 2001, the Australian Government has introduced more than 40 new counter-terrorism laws.

These laws created new offences and new powers for detaining, questioning and controlling the movements and activities of people without criminal convictions.

Counter-terrorism laws can impact human rights and freedoms, such as:

- The right to a fair trial
- The right to freedom from arbitrary detention and arrest
- The right to privacy
- The right to freedom of association and expression.

Evaluate the extent to which the government is justified in limiting individual freedoms through counter-terrorism laws. In your response, include specific discussion of at least two of the human rights and freedoms listed above.

or

Question 3

Queensland has some of the toughest laws on drugs in Australia. In some states and territories, possession of marijuana is not a criminal offence. Instead, a person is given an “on the spot” fine and no conviction is recorded.

Are Queensland drug laws too tough? Make and justify recommendations about whether changes are needed.

End of Part B

End of Paper Two
### Assessment standards from the Legal Studies Senior External Syllabus 2007

**Paper Two**

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| Knowledge and understanding| • accurate and comprehensive information about key concepts, identifying links to significant aspects of law  
• thorough explanation and recognition of legal issues, with links between knowledge and highly relevant examples. | • substantial information about most key concepts, identifying significant aspects of the law  
• significant explanation and recognition of legal issues, illustrated with relevant examples. | • general information about key concepts, identifying relevant aspects of the law  
• explanation of some legal issues with use of appropriate examples. | • information about some legal concepts with tenuous links to aspects of the law  
• inclusion of some examples related to legal issues. | • information about some legal concepts  
• inclusion of some examples. |
| Investigation              | • analysis of legal issues and problems in significant detail  
• consistent selection and application of relevant legal principles and procedures  
• identification of a wide range of relevant legal responses to problems and issues. | • analysis of legal issues and problems in considerable detail  
• in the main, selection and application of relevant legal principles and procedures  
• identification of a range of relevant legal responses to problems and issues. | • some analysis of legal issues and problems  
• selection and application of some relevant legal principles and procedures  
• identification of some relevant legal responses to problems and issues. | • identification of some legal issues and problems  
• selection of some legal procedures  
• identification of some legal responses to problems and issues. | • occasional identification of some legal issues, problems, procedures or responses. |
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