Purpose

To provide information about this year’s Legal Studies examination.

Information

The 2010 examination will be based on the 2007 senior external syllabus for Legal Studies. 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 2010 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).

Paper Two

Paper Two will consist of two parts:
- Part A: You, the Law and Society
  - Section I — Jobs
  - Section II — Consumers
- 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 are to take their research material into the examination room for use in responding to one of two essay questions in Paper Two Part A Section II.

Research topic: Consumers

Various pieces of legislation provide protection for consumers in a number of ways in both cash and credit transactions. Outline some of the statutory protections available and critically evaluate whether they do, in fact, protect consumers.

The prepared task must present the research that each candidate has completed throughout their study. The research is to be based on a hypothesis developed by the candidate on the law governing the above issue.

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 notes, diagrams, references, quotations, etc. All research material must fit on one double-sided sheet of A4 paper.

**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 2010

**Paper One**

*The Legal System*
- Why have laws?
- What are the sources of law?
- How are disputes resolved?
- What are the roles of legal personnel?

*Crime and Society*
- What are the rights of citizens and the powers of police?
- How are criminal matters prosecuted?
- What are the types of offences?
- What are the consequences of conviction?

*Civil Obligations — Agreements*
- What constitutes an enforceable agreement?
- What are the remedies for breach of contract?
- What statutory protection is available to consumers?

*Civil Wrongs — Torts*
- What is a tort?
- What are the elements of negligence?
- What are some aspects 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 — Jobs*
- What are the different types of individual employment or workplace agreements with various types of employers?
- What are the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees?
- How are workers’ health and safety protected?

**Part A Section 2**

*You, the Law and Society — Consumers*
- How is credit arranged?
- What consumer protection is available against unfair business practices?

**Part B**

*Law in a Changing Society*
- What makes a good law?