2009 Senior External Examination in Legal Studies

Purpose
This notice provides information about this year’s Legal Studies examination.

Information
The 2007 senior external syllabus for Legal Studies 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: Family

“The Marriage Act 1961 (Cwlth) is outdated and does not allow for the changing values and views of today's society. It needs to be reformed to allow for our modern ideas on the institution of marriage.”

Critically evaluate the effectiveness of the definition of marriage under our current marriage laws.

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 be on one A4 sheet of paper (single or double sided).

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