

AS

At AS, candidates will develop a knowledge and understanding of the legal system and an ability to evaluate its operation and performance. The specification introduces substantive law and requires simple application of aspects of criminal law and civil law (either tort or contract).

A2

At A2, the specification further develops knowledge of the legal system and of substantive law through criminal law and/or civil law. Evaluation of the concepts of law continues to be developed at this level of study.

Unit 1: Law Making and The Legal System

Written Paper: 1 hour 30 minutes

50% of total AS marks, 25% of total A Level marks

Candidates must answer three questions from eight, one from Section A, Law Making, one from Section B, The Legal System, and one from either Section.

Total marks available = 95
(including 5 marks for QWC)

Available January and June

Subject Content

Section A: Law Making

- Parliamentary Law Making
- Delegated Legislation
- Statutory Interpretation
- Judicial Precedent

Section B: The Legal System

- The Civil Courts and other forms of dispute resolution
- The Criminal Courts and lay people
- The Legal Profession and other sources of advice, and funding
- The Judiciary

Unit 2: The Concept of Liability

Written Paper: 1 hour 30 minutes

50% of total AS marks, 25% of total A Level marks

Candidates must answer the compulsory question on Criminal Law and either the question on Tort or the question on Contract.

Total marks available = 95
(including 5 marks for QWC)

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Subject Content

Section A: Introduction to Criminal Liability

- Underlying principles of Criminal Liability
- The Courts: Procedure and Sentencing

Section B: Introduction to Tort

- Liability in Negligence
- The Courts: Procedure and Damages

OR

Section C: Introduction to Contract

- Formation of Contract
- Breach of Contract
- The Courts: Procedure and Damages

Unit 3: Criminal Law or Contract

Written Paper: 1 hour 30 minutes

25% of total A Level marks

Candidates must answer one three-part question on Criminal Law (Offences against the Person) or Contract.

Total marks available = 80
(including 5 marks for QWC)

Available January and June

Subject Content

Section A: Criminal Law (fatal and non-fatal offences against the person)

- Murder
- Voluntary manslaughter
- Involuntary manslaughter
- Non-fatal offences against the person
- Defences
- Evaluation

Section B: Contract

- Formation
- Contract terms
- Vitiating factors
- Discharge of contract
- Remedies
- Evaluation

Unit 4: Criminal Law or Tort, and Concepts of Law

Written Paper: 2 hours

25% of total A Level marks

Candidates choose Section A (Criminal Law – offences against property) or Section B (Tort) and answer one two-part, scenario-based question from a choice of two. In addition in Section C, candidates must produce a synoptic essay on concepts of law (from a choice of three).

Total marks available = 85
(including 5 marks for QWC)

Available June

Subject Content

Section A: Criminal Law (Offences against Property)

- Theft and Robbery
- Burglary
- Blackmail
- Fraud
- Making off without payment
- Criminal Damage
- Defences

Section B: Law of Tort

- Negligence
- Occupiers' Liability
- Nuisance and escape of dangerous things
- Vicarious Liability
- Defences
- Remedies

Section C: Concepts of Law

- Law and Morals
- Law and Justice
- Judicial Creativity
- Fault
- Balancing conflicting interests

Assessment Objectives

AO1

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of legal rules and principles by selecting and explaining relevant information and illustrating with examples and citation

AO2

Analyse legal material, issues and situations, and evaluate and apply the appropriate legal rules and principles

AO3

Present a logical and coherent argument and communicate relevant material in a clear and effective manner using appropriate legal terminology