



**Victorian Certificate of Education
2006**

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STUDENT NUMBER

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LEGAL STUDIES
Written examination

Wednesday 8 November 2006

Reading time: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm (15 minutes)

Writing time: 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm (2 hours)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
13	13	60

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
 - Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
 - No calculator is allowed in this examination.
- Materials supplied**
- Question and answer book of 20 pages.
 - Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer.
- Instructions**
- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
 - You should make use of stimulus material where it is included. However, it is not intended that this material will provide you with all the information to fully answer the question.
 - All written responses must be in English.

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Instructions

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided. In Question 13 answer either part **a.** or part **b.** Indicate which part, **a.** or **b.**, of Question 13 you have answered.

Question 1

Recently a critic of the Australian legal system commented that a hierarchy of courts is not necessary. Outline **one** reason to justify the existence of the court hierarchy.

1 mark

Question 2

Every year the Commonwealth and State Parliaments make changes to the law. Outline **one** reason why the law might need to be changed.

1 mark

Question 3

George and Sarah are partners in a large construction business and they are involved in a dispute with a property developer. Their solicitor advises them that they might have to commence litigation in the Supreme Court.

a. Outline the original civil jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.
