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LEGAL STUDIES

Written examination

Tuesday 15 November 2011

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

Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
13	13	70

- 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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Answer all questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1	
Distinguish between exclusive and residual powers.	
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Question 2 Describe one purpose of a committal hearing and explain h	now it can promote the timely resolution of a criminal
case.	

Question 3
In your opinion, would the Victorian legal system improve if there was one level of courts instead of a hierarch
Justify your answer.
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Question 4
Explain one recent change in the legal system designed to improve its operation.
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Question 6

	Explain the term	'structural protection'				
Describe two other means by which the Commonwealth Constitution protects rights in Australia.						2 m
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A former member of parliament recently commented that 'the use of the media has been effective in influencing

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hai	nge in the law in recent times, given that parliament itself has weaknesses as a law-maker'.
	Using one example, explain how individuals or groups may use the media to influence legislative change

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A professor of law recently said in a public speech that 'the role of the judge in the adversary system of trial is an important feature'.				
Evaluate the role of the judge in the adversary system of trial.				
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Question 10

In Australia, methods and processes exist to enable a change to the division of law-making powers between the State and Commonwealth Parliaments.			
Identify one method of changing constitutional power and analyse its impact on the division of law-making powers.			

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Do civil pre-trial procedures achieve effective access to the legal system? Discuss.					
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Question 12 Compare the way courts and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) operate to resolve disputes. In your answer describe **one** dispute resolution method used by VCAT and/or the courts.

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Question 13

In a recent submission to the Victorian Law Reform Commission (VLRC), an individual stated that the 'jury system is outdated and should be abolished'. Discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with this statement. In your answer describe the role of the VLRC.			

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