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Paper 1 English Legal System

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1 hour 30 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **seven** questions in total:
Section A: answer **all** questions.
Section B: answer **two** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A

Answer **all** questions.

- 1 Identify **one** intrinsic aid used in statutory interpretation. [1]
- 2 Identify **two** reasons why a person might not be qualified to be appointed as a magistrate. [2]
- 3 Explain the **three** grounds in the *Bail Act 1976* that may result in a court refusing bail. [6]
- 4 Describe **two** key aspects of an adversarial legal system. [6]
- 5 Discuss the criticisms of delegated legislation. [10]

Section B

Answer **two** questions

- 6 (a) Explain the reforms to the civil justice system following the Woolf report. [10]
 (b) Assess the effects of the Woolf reforms. [15]
- 7 (a) Explain, with examples, how mediation and conciliation work as alternative methods of dispute resolution (ADR). [10]
 (b) Discuss whether mediation or conciliation is the more effective method for resolving civil disputes. [15]
- 8 (a) Explain how judges are trained. [10]
 (b) Assess whether judges can be said to be independent of political bias. [15]

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