



JOHN EDMONDSON HIGH SCHOOL

Assessment Notification

Faculty: Social Science Course: Legal Studies Year: 11

Assessment Task: One: The Australian Legal System

Assessment Weighting: 20% Due: Term 1 Week 8 Date: 15 March 2023

Task Type: Hand in Task In Class Task Practical Task

Outcomes assessed (NESA)
P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P10
Task Description/Overview
Short answers on the Australian Legal System with varied marks Total marks 50 weighting 20%
Detailed Assessment Task Description
Eight (8) short answers drawn from the content in syllabus on the Australian Legal System questions are worth varying marks . Questions will be drawn from Basic Legal Notions, Sources of Contemporary Australian Law and Classification of Law. They will include short answer questions provided and 10 unseen Multiple Choice questions worth one mark each . From the 17 short answer questions provided, 8 will be selected and form part of the assessment task Time allowed 45 minutes Assessment will be held in A10 period 6. LS 4 will be withdrawn from class and are to go to A10. No notes/aids allowed. Answers to be completed under exam conditions

Assessment Criteria		
Grade	Description	Mark Range
Outstanding (O)		45 to 50
High (H)		34 to 44
Sound (S)		23 to 33
Basic (B)		12 to 22
Limited (L)		0 to 11

Satisfactory completion of courses

A course has been satisfactorily completed when the student has:

- Followed the course developed/endorsed by the NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA)
- Applied himself/herself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course.
- Achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

1. Distinguish between domestic law and international law. (2marks)
2. Outline the differences between the common law system and the civil law system. (4 marks)
3. Identify a source of international law and a source of domestic law. (2marks)
4. Describe three ways the Australian legal system provides access to justice. (3 marks)
5. Using examples, explain how the Australian legal system is influenced by the changing society in which it operates. (5 marks)
6. Outline TWO characteristics of a just law. (2marks)
7. Distinguish between a moral right and a customary right. (2 marks)
8. Explain the differences between statute law and common law and how each respond to changes in society. (6 marks)
9. Distinguish between binding and persuasive precedent. (2 marks)
10. List 7 courts in the NSW court hierarchy (7 marks)
11. Outline the role of jurisdiction of the District Court in criminal matters. (5 marks)
12. Describe the role of the High Court of Australia (4 marks)
13. Explain the role of a judge regarding statute law. (4 marks)
14. Explain the difference between unicameral and bicameral parliaments. (2 marks)
15. Outline the purpose of residual and exclusive powers. (4 marks)
16. Explain which are more important, concurrent or exclusive powers. (4 marks)
17. With reference to the doctrine of the separation of powers, explain what is meant by checks and balances. (4 marks)

Questions will be selected from the above questions for the assessment.