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A-level LAW

Paper 1

Thursday 21 May 2026

Afternoon

Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

- You will need no other materials.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions. You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do **not** write on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Questions should be answered in continuous prose. Give reasoned answers. Where appropriate, make reference to cases, statutes and examples.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.

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Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Only **one** answer per question is allowed.

For each question completely fill in the circle alongside the appropriate answer.

CORRECT METHOD



WRONG METHODS



If you want to change your answer you must cross out your original answer as shown.



If you wish to return to an answer previously crossed out, ring the answer you now wish to select as shown.



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Select the **true** statement about the offence of unlawful and malicious wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm under s20 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861.

[1 mark]

A The defendant is required to commit an assault as part of the actus reus.

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B The mens rea requires an intention to cause serious harm.

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C The offence requires the victim to suffer serious injury.

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D Wounding requires a break in the continuity of the skin.

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Select the **true** statement about the defence of voluntary intoxication.

[1 mark]

A Voluntary intoxication can be a defence to crimes of basic intent.

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B Voluntary intoxication can be a defence to murder.

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C Voluntary intoxication is a defence provided that the defendant had the required mens rea.

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D Voluntary intoxication requires the defendant to have consumed illegal drugs.

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Which of the following statements about the role of a judge in a Crown Court trial is **false**?
[1 mark]

- A** The judge decides all the pre-trial issues, including whether the defendant can be released on bail.
- B** The judge decides the defendant's sentence, following a guilty verdict.
- C** The judge decides the verdict at the end of the trial.
- D** The judge explains the law to the jury.

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Select the **true** statement about statutory interpretation.

[1 mark]

- A** The golden rule has both a broad (wide) and a narrow approach.
- B** The literal rule allows the judge to modify a meaning of a word.
- C** The mischief rule is not concerned with the true intentions of Parliament.
- D** The purposive approach is concerned only to ensure certainty within the law.

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In relation to judicial precedent, select the **false** statement about obiter dicta.

[1 mark]

- A** Obiter dicta may be used as persuasive precedent.
- B** Obiter dicta may be used to form the basis of a ratio decidendi in a later case.
- C** Obiter dicta may offer guidance to judges in similar cases in the future.
- D** Obiter dicta must be followed by judges in lower courts in future cases.

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Explain **three** roles of a jury in a criminal trial.**[5 marks]**

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Alice called the fire service who discovered Ben in the house and were able to rescue him. Whilst asleep, Ben had inhaled a large amount of smoke and was consequently hospitalised. Alice was charged with the attempted murder of Ben.

[5 marks]

[illegible]

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[15 marks]

Discuss the extent to which liability for non-fatal offences is based on fault.

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When Faisal arrived at the hospital, doctors found that his heart condition was likely to have been made worse by the fear of Emma's attack. Faisal died later that evening. Medical evidence suggested that earlier treatment would almost certainly have saved Faisal's life.

[30 marks]

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Ivan drove Jill to the hospital where he abandoned the car in an ambulance bay. The journey used a quarter of a tank of petrol.

Assess the options available for obtaining legal advice and representation in any investigation and prosecution in cases such as Ivan's.

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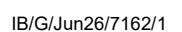
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