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AS Level Law

H018/01 The legal system and criminal law

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **64**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

SECTION A

The Legal System

- 1 Describe the different types of custodial sentences. [8]
- 2 Explain how solicitors are regulated. [8]
- 3 Describe the role of judges in civil cases. [8]
- 4 Discuss the benefits of using arbitration to solve a civil dispute. [8]

SECTION B**Criminal Law**

Read the scenario.

Beth is having a driving lesson with her instructor Ivan, who she dislikes. Seeing that Ivan is holding a cup of hot coffee, she decides to give him a fright by swerving the car. Hot coffee spills onto Ivan, scalding his legs. Ivan calls her 'a stupid idiot'. Beth now decides to try to hurt Ivan seriously. She deliberately slams on the car's brakes. Ivan's head hits the windscreen and his skull is fractured.

The car behind, driven by Charlie, almost crashes into Beth. Angered by her dangerous driving, Charlie gets out, and grabs Beth's hand through the open window. Beth breaks free from his grip and jumps out of the car. As she tries to run away, Charlie sticks out his foot and trips Beth over. She falls heavily, causing a deep cut to her knee.

- 5 Explain what is meant by *novus actus interveniens* in relation to causation in criminal law. Do **not** refer to the scenario. [8]
- 6 Advise how the law relating to non-fatal offences against the person will apply to Beth. [8]
- 7 Advise how the law relating to non-fatal offences against the person will apply to Charlie. [8]
- 8* Discuss the problems with the offence of common assault and the extent to which the offence is just or unjust. [8]

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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