

Friday 16 May 2025 – Afternoon

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 role of a barrister. **[8]**

- 2 Describe the routes of an appeal available to the defence from the Crown Court. **[8]**

- 3 Explain how it is decided whether a civil case will be funded by the government. **[8]**

- 4 Discuss the disadvantages of using juries in criminal trials. **[8]**

SECTION B**Criminal law**

Read the scenario.

Sam drives a coach and is taking a party of schoolchildren on a trip. During the journey she notices one of the students, Jack is standing up. She tells him several times to sit down but he ignores her. Sam shouts at him, "If you don't sit down, I'll come and slap you!" Jack sits down but doesn't put his seatbelt on. Sam sets off driving again. Suddenly, Jack stands up Sam decides to give him a shock by slamming on the brakes. Jack is thrown forward dislocating his shoulder.

Charlie is in a supermarket car park packing her shopping into her car. She is approached by a security guard, Dev who says that she hasn't paid for a bottle of whiskey. She pushes him out of the way, and he falls fracturing his wrist. Charlie gets in the car and sees Dev lying on the floor. She reverses her car over him breaking his leg.

- 5** Explain the different sources of criminal law. **[8]**
- 6** Advise how the law relating to non-fatal offences against the person will apply to Sam. **[8]**
- 7** Advise how the law relating to non-fatal offences against the person will apply to Charlie. **[8]**
- 8*** Discuss the problems with s47 Offences Against the Person Act 1861, and the extent to which reform of the law would make it fair. **[8]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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