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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 [].

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

- 1 Identify the case which allows the Court of Appeal to depart from its own previous decisions. [1]
- 2 Identify **two** criminal offences. [2]
- 3 Explain **two** reasons why the Lord Chancellor might dismiss an inferior judge. [6]
- 4 Describe the role of the Law Society and The General Council of the Bar. [6]
- 5 Discuss the advantages of using the small claims procedure in the County Court. [10]

Section B

Answer **two** questions.

- 6 (a) Explain how the literal and golden rules are used by judges in statutory interpretation. [10]
(b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of both the literal and golden rules. [15]
- 7 (a) Explain the effects of the *Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006* on delegated legislation. [10]
(b) Discuss whether the parliamentary controls on delegated legislation are adequate. [15]
- 8 (a) Explain the rules set out in the *Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984* regarding the treatment of suspects detained at the police station. [10]
(b) Assess whether these rules provide adequate protection to those in police custody. [15]

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