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Paper 1 Structure and Operation of the English Legal System

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1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **three** questions.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Answer **three** questions.

- 1 Tribunal hearings are an effective way to solve certain civil disputes.

Explain how tribunals operate and consider whether this statement is true. Illustrate your answer with examples. [25]

- 2 Bernhardt has been charged with the theft of a gold bracelet worth £2000 (theft is a triable either way offence).

Describe the process through which Bernhardt's case will pass from his first appearance in court to the conclusion of his trial. Discuss the decisions that will have to be made about the court in which he is to be tried. [25]

- 3 Explain how jurors are selected. Critically consider what arguments could be put forward in favour of the abolition of juries in both civil and criminal cases. [25]

- 4 The decision in *Pepper v Hart* (1993) is a clear indication that courts are now moving towards a more purposive approach to statutory interpretation.

Describe the various tools and approaches available to judges and evaluate the accuracy of this statement. [25]

- 5 Describe the development of Equity and discuss its relevance today. [25]

- 6 Since 1990 there have been many changes to the legal profession.

Critically discuss whether these changes have improved provision of legal services. [25]

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