Summer Examinations 2015

LAW100315N

Module Title: Legal System
Level: Four
Time Allowed: One hour and thirty minutes

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
- Answer three questions: you must answer the question in Section A and two questions from Section B.
- All questions are equally weighted.
- Students are advised to spend approximately the same amount of time on each of the three questions.

No. of Pages: 3
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Section A

You **must** answer this question.

1. In addition to the Literal, Golden and Mischief Rules, judges have a range of aids and rules of language to assist them when interpreting statutes.

   Explain how these additional aids and rules of language operate.

End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Answer two of the following questions:

2. Does the present application of the doctrine of precedent strike the right balance between flexibility and certainty?

3. With reference to the jurisdiction of the Magistrates’ Court, is too much expected of the magistrates and district judges who sit there?

4. As the jury system responds to old criticisms, new criticisms appear. In light of current criticisms, to what extent is the jury system still an appropriate means of trial?

5. To what extent does the system of appointment and dismissal ensure the quality and independence of the judiciary?

End of Section B
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