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**Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level**

**Monday 13 May 2024**

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**YLA1/01**

**Law**

**International Advanced Level**

**PAPER 1: Underlying Principles of Law and the  
English Legal System**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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**Answer ALL questions.**

**Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

**1** (a) Describe the burden of proof in a criminal case.

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(b) Explain these **two** criminal sanctions, and when they might be used.

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(c) Assess how the aims of sentencing can be achieved through criminal sanctions.

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**(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)**

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2 (a) State the meaning of 'ratio decidendi' and 'obiter dicta'.

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(b) Explain how judicial precedent operates in the court hierarchy.

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(c) Assess the advantages and disadvantages of the doctrine of judicial precedent.

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3 (a) Describe the role of an ombudsman in legal proceedings.

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(b) State **four** ways of funding legal advice and representation.

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(c) Assess the advantages and disadvantages of the different sources and funding available for advice and representation in court cases.

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4 (a) Describe briefly the role of the Law Commission.

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(b) Explain briefly the influence of the media on parliamentary law making.

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(c) Assess the impact of external influences on parliamentary law making.

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5 Evaluate the use and effectiveness of lay people in the English legal system.

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