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**ENGLISH LEGAL SYSTEM AND FOUNDATION  
LEGAL SKILLS**

**MODULE NO: LAW4007**

Date: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

This exam is 60 minutes long.

There are **FIFTEEN (15)** questions in Section 1. Answer **ALL** questions. All questions in Section 1 carry equal marks. Each question is worth 1 mark.

Answer any **THREE (3)** questions out of **FOUR (4)** in Section 2. All questions in Section 2 are worth 5 marks each.

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**Section 1**

1. What stage follows the Second Reading in the process of a bill through Parliament?

- a. Report Stage.
- b. Third Reading.
- c. Committee Stage.
- d. House of Lords.

**(1 mark)**

2. Which court primarily handles small civil claims (usually under £10,000)?

- a. Magistrates' Court
- b. Crown Court
- c. County Court
- d. High Court

**(1 mark)**

3. Under the rule of ejusdem generis, which of the following would be correct?

"If a statute refers to cars, buses, and other vehicles," the term "other vehicles" would mean:

- a. All types of vehicles, including airplanes
- b. Vehicles of the same kind as cars and buses (road vehicles)
- c. Only buses
- d. Any transport, even walking

**(1 mark)**

4. Which rule or approach of statutory interpretation was used in the case of *Heydon's Case (1584)*

- a. Golden Rule.
- b. Literal Rule.
- c. Mischief Rule.
- d. Purposive approach.

**(1 mark)**

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5. Which court comes after the High Court in the civil court hierarchy?
- Court of Appeal (Civil Division).
  - Crown Court.
  - Supreme Court.
  - European Court for Human Rights.

(1 mark)

6. What is persuasive precedent?
- Non-binding decision of a case, heard in a court of lower level or in a different jurisdiction.
  - Binding decision of a case heard in a court of the same level or higher or in the same jurisdiction.
  - Non-binding decision of a case heard in a court of the same level or higher level or in a different jurisdiction.
  - Binding decision of a case heard in a court of lower level or in a different jurisdiction.

(1 mark)

7. What does the following **BEST DESCRIBE**?
- ‘To demonstrate that a case is different from the case being heard and should therefore not apply.’
- Overruling a case.
  - Voiding the case.
  - Changing the decision in a case.
  - Distinguishing a case.

(1 mark)

8. What does the bold text indicate in the following citation?
- Donoghue v Stevenson* [1932] AC **562**
- The volume of the law reports the case is cited in.
  - The issue of the law reports the case is cited in.
  - The court the case was heard in.
  - The page number the case is cited on.

(1 mark)

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9. What is a green paper?
- A preliminary report of government proposals.
  - A proposal to change an existing law.
  - A proposal for a new law.
  - A government report giving information or proposals on a specific issue.

(1 mark)

10. Which of the following is a form of adjudicative alternative dispute resolution (ADR)?
- Arbitration.
  - Mediation.
  - Conciliation.
  - Early Neutral Evaluation.

(1 mark)

11. What Act of Parliament led to the creation of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)?
- The Prosecution of Offences Act 1985.
  - The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.
  - The Representation of the People Act 1983.
  - The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982.

(1 mark)

12. Which of the following has a duty to appoint judges?
- The Attorney General.
  - The Lord Chancellor.
  - The Prime Minister.
  - The Supreme Court

(1 mark)

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13. What is the main difference between public and private law?
- Public law is a relationship between individuals. Private law is a relationship between individuals and the state.
  - Public law is concerned with matters that are widely known whereas private law is concerned with confidential matters.
  - Public law is criminal law, private law is civil law.
  - Public law is the relationship between individuals and the state whereas private law is a relationship between individuals themselves.

(1 mark)



Human Rights Act 1998

A

1998 CHAPTER 42

An Act to give further effect to rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights; to make provision with respect to holders of certain judicial offices who become judges of the European Court of Human Rights; and for connected purposes.

B

[9th November 1998]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

C

Extent Information

E1 For the extent of this Act outside the U.K., see s. 22(6)(7)

D

14. Which of the above is the long title of the Act?

- A
- B
- C
- D

(1 mark)

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15. What does the date on the above Act mean?
- This is the date the law comes into effect.
  - This is the date the law was vetoed by the House of Lords.
  - This is the date the bill began in Parliament.
  - This is the date that the law received Royal Assent.

(1 mark)  
[TOTAL 15 MARKS]

### Section 2

Please answer **THREE** of the following questions.

1. Explain Ratio Decidendi and Obiter Dicta.  
(5 marks)
2. Describe how delegated legislation is created and used.  
(5 marks)
3. Compare and contrast the key features of the criminal justice system and the civil justice system in the UK.  
(5 marks)
4. The distinction between public law and private law is crucial in understanding the UK legal system." Discuss this statement with examples  
(5 marks)

[TOTAL 15 MARKS]

**END OF QUESTIONS**