

A Level Law Exam Board: Eduqas

Exam Overview:

- **Paper 1: The Nature of Law and the English Legal System**
- Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes 25% of qualification
 - Section A – Law making and the nature of law
 - Two short answer questions and one scenario based question.
 - Section B – The English legal system and the nature of law
 - One question from a choice of two essay type questions, each consisting of part a) and b).
- **Component 2: Substantive Law in Practice**
- Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes 37.5% of qualification
 - One scenario based question from three different sections, selected from:
 - Section A - Law of contract (private law)
 - Section B - Law of tort (private law)
 - Section C - Criminal law (public law)
 - Section D - Human rights law (public law)
- **Component 3: Perspectives of Substantive Law**
- Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes 37.5% of qualification
 - One scenario based question from three different sections, selected from:
 - Section A - Law of contract (private law)
 - Section B - Law of tort (private law)
 - Section C - Criminal law (public law)
 - Section D - Human rights law (public law)

Guide to Exam Papers:

Paper 1

The Nature of Law and the English Legal System

Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes

25% of qualification

50 marks

This component requires learners to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the nature of law and the English legal system.

It focuses on the structure of the English legal system including its relationship with the European Union. Learners will develop knowledge and understanding of sources of primary and secondary law in the English legal system and will consider how those laws are used by judges in making decisions. They will also develop knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system, civil justice system including relevant legal personnel and legal funding.

The nature of law includes the study of the distinction between enforceable legal rules and principles and other rules and norms of behaviour; criminal and civil law and the different sources of law (including custom, statutory law and the common law).

The following are covered within Component 1.

- Law and society – Rule of law; human rights; the meaning and importance of fault in civil and/or criminal law – Balancing conflicting interests; identification of the different interests of parties to disputes – Public interests against private interests; the subordination of individual rights to community interests
- Law and morality – The distinction between law and morals – The diversity of moral views in a pluralist society – The relationship between law and morals and its importance – The legal enforcement of moral values
- Law and justice – The meaning of ‘justice’, theories of justice – The extent to which substantive legal rules, legal institutions and processes achieve justice or create barriers to justice Where appropriate, relevant case law and authority should be used.

Coverage of Section A of the component is compulsory. This section focuses on the various methods of law making in the English legal system, including its relationship with the European Union. Coverage of Section B of the component is compulsory. This section focuses on key features of the criminal justice system and civil justice system, including legal personnel and legal funding. Legal skills are pervasive throughout this component.

Paper 2

Substantive Law in Practice

Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes

37.5% of the qualification

75 marks

This component will provide learners with the foundation for the study of both private and public law. Learners must study three areas of law, to include either two public and one private or one public and two private.

- Section A focuses on the law of contract (private law)
- Section B focuses on the law of tort (private law)
- Section C focuses on criminal law (public law)
- Section D focuses on human rights law (public law)

The areas of law chosen by learners for this component must also be chosen for Component 3.

This component requires learners to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles, and break down into constituent parts the relevant legal rules and principles for each area of substantive law and apply those rules to a hypothetical scenario. Legal skills are pervasive throughout this component.

Paper 3

Perspectives of Substantive Law

Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes

37.5% of the qualification

75 marks

For Component 3, learners are required to respond to questions on the same three areas of law as selected for Component 2, to include either two public and one private or one public and two private.

Section A focuses on the law of contract (private law)

Section B focuses on the law of tort (private law)
Section C focuses on criminal law (public law)
Section D focuses on human rights law (public law)

The areas of law chosen by learners for this component must also be chosen for Component 2.
Amplification of each of these areas appears on pages 12-15 of this specification.

This component requires learners to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles, and to analyse and evaluate legal issues by identifying different perspectives, constructing clear, persuasive and logical legal arguments which are substantiated by legal authority. Legal skills are pervasive throughout this component.

Examination Y12 Summer 2021 Key Topics:

- **The Nature of Law and The English Legal System**
 - Parliamentary and European Law Making
 - Delegated Legislation
 - Statutory Interpretation
 - Judicial Precedent
 - Civil Courts
 - Criminal Process
 - Legal Personnel
 - Access to Justice and Funding

Useful Websites:

- Eduqas Law Scenarios: The Nature of Law and The English Legal System
<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rlid=1205>
- <https://www.tutor2u.net/law/blog/useful-resources-for-a-level-law>
- <http://e-lawresources.co.uk/index.php>

Useful resources:

- **Google Classroom** – All resources from lessons have been put into Google Classroom
- Departmental revision booklets
- Departmental example exam questions
- Eduqas Law Textbook 1
- Eduqas Law Textbook 2
- Eduqas Law Revision Guide 1
- Eduqas Law Revision Guide 2

Useful revision tips and specific revision and preparation guidance:

- **Google Classroom** – All resources have been placed on Google Classroom for you to use
- Create 'Flash cards' focusing on the subject knowledge of your topic to ensure you can answer all exam question.
- Complete as many past paper exam questions as possible focusing on planning, rather than answering to break them down more clearly
- Spend time analysing mark schemes and get familiar with exam technique
- Use of quick quizzes to help to recall key points of information