

The legal system

Topic:	Content:	R	A	G
Criminal Courts and Lay People	Jurisdiction of the Magistrates' Court and the Crown Court, classification of offences and pre-trial procedure.			
	Appeals and appellate courts			
	Sentencing and court powers: aims, factors and types of sentences			
	Lay magistrates and juries; qualifications, selection, appointment and their role in criminal cases			
	Strengths and limitations of using juries in criminal cases			
Civil Courts and other forms of dispute	County Court and High Court: Jurisdictions, pre-trial procedures, the three tracks.			
	Appeals and appellate Courts			
	Tribunals and Alternative Dispute Resolution			
	Online Courts and Online Dispute Resolution			
	Evaluation of the Civil Courts			
	Evaluation of other forms of dispute resolution			
Legal Personnel	Barristers, solicitors and legal executives, roles and regulation.			
	The judiciary: type and role in the civil and criminal courts			
	The separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary			
	Evaluation of the judiciary – including the advantages of judicial independence			
Access to Justice	Government funding for civil and criminal cases			
	Private funding, conditional fees and other advice agencies			
	Evaluation of access to justice			

The law of Tort

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Liability in Negligence	Liability in negligence for injury to people and damage to property				
	The duty of care: Robinson, Caparo, Neighbour Principle				
	Breach of duty: the objective standard of care and the reasonable man; risk factors				
	Damage: factual causation and the 'but for' test; legal causation, remoteness				
Occupier's Liability	Liability in respect of lawful visitors (Occupiers' Liability Act 1957)				
	Liability in respect of trespassers (Occupiers' Liability Act 1984)				
Torts Connected to Land	Public nuisance				
	Private nuisance				
	<i>Rylands v Fletcher</i>				
Vicarious Liability	Nature and purpose of vicarious liability				
	Liability for employees, including testing employment status and torts in or not in the course of employment				
	Liability for the crimes of employees and liability for independent contractors				
Defences	Contributory Negligence				
	<i>Volenti non fit injuria</i>				
	Defences specific to claims connected to nuisance and <i>Rylands v Fletcher</i>				
Remedies	Compensatory damages				
	Mitigation of loss				
	injunctions				
Evaluation	Negligence				
	Occupier's liability				
	Vicarious liability				

Human Rights

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Rules and theory	Outline of the rules of Human Rights Law			
	An overview of the theory of human rights law			
	The History of the European Convention			

Protection of Human rights in the UK	The European Court of Human Rights			
	The Impact of the Human Rights Act			
Article 5	Protections and definitions			
	Limitations A-F			
	Case law			
	Evaluation			
Article 6	Protections and definitions			
	Limitations			
	Case law			
	Evaluation			
Article 8	Protections and definitions			
	Limitations			
	Case law			
	Evaluation			
Article 10	Protections and definitions			
	Restrictions			
	Case law			
	Evaluation			
Article 11	Protections and definitions			
	Restrictions			
	Case law			
	Evaluation			
English Law	Police Powers			
	Interception of communications			
	Public order offences			
	Duty of confidentiality			
	Obscenity			
	Torts of defamation and trespass			
	Harassment			
Enforcement of Human Rights	Role of the domestic courts			
	Judicial Review			
	Role of the European Court of Human Rights			

Law making

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Parliamentary Law Making	Legislative process – Green and White Papers, different types of Bill, legislative stages in the House of Commons and the House of Lords and the role of the Crown				

	Advantages and disadvantages of the legislative process				
Delegated legislation	Types of delegated legislation: Orders in Council, Statutory Instruments and By-laws				
	Controls on delegated legislation by Parliament and the courts, and their effectiveness				
	Reasons for the use of delegated legislation				
	Advantages and disadvantages of delegated legislation				
Statutory interpretation	Rules of statutory interpretation: the literal rule, the golden rule and the mischief rule and The purposive approach				
	Aids to interpretation: rules of language, intrinsic and extrinsic aids				
	Impact of European Union Law and the Human Rights Act 1998 on statutory interpretation				
	Advantages and disadvantages of the different approaches and aids to statutory interpretation				
Judicial Precedent	The Doctrine of Precedent including stare decisis, ratio decidendi and obiter dicta				
	The hierarchy of the courts including the Supreme Court				
	Binding, persuasive and original precedent; overruling; reversing; distinguishing				
	Advantages and disadvantages of precedent				
Law reform	Influences on parliament (political, media, lobbying, pressure groups)				
	Evaluation of the different influences on parliament.				
	Law reform including the Law Commission				
	Advantages/disadvantages of law reform bodies				

Criminal Law

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General Elements of	Actus reus – conduct and result crimes, voluntary acts and omissions, involuntariness, causation				

Criminal Liability	Mens rea – fault, intention and subjective recklessness, negligence and strict liability, transferred malice, contemporaneity				
Fatal Offences Against the Person	Murder				
	Voluntary Manslaughter – loss of control and diminished responsibility				
	Involuntary manslaughter – unlawful act manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter				
Non fatal offences against the person	Common assault – assault and battery				
	S.47 assault occasioning actual bodily harm				
	S.20 assault occasioning grievous bodily harm or wounding				
	S.18 assault occasioning grievous bodily harm or wounding with intent				
Offences against property	Theft				
	Robbery				
	Burglary				
Mental Capacity Defences	Insanity				
	Automatism				
	Intoxication				
General Defences	Self Defence				
	Duress by threat or circumstances/necessity				
	Consent				
Attempts	Actus reus and mens rea of an attempt				
	Impossibility				
Evaluation including reform	Non-Fatal offences against the person				
	Intoxication				
	Self defence				
	consent				