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Introduction

The aim of this report is to provide feedback about the general performance of candidates in the examination. It is hoped that this will offer useful information for future reference, to enhance insight into what the examiners expect of candidates, and to guide students who enter the examination in future years.

General Comments

In general answers were of a comparable standard to those in previous years. There were some excellent centres in which several candidates achieved higher grades, and it was very pleasing to note that comments made in previous examiners' reports had been noted and acted upon to produce an improvement in the standard of performance overall. There was evidence of real effort by many candidates to learn the legal rules in detail across the syllabus, and many were able to produce well-reasoned arguments supported by relevant authorities drawn from cases and statutes, with reference to human rights issues. Although, as usual, some candidates displayed a tendency to produce standardised answers, covering all they knew about the general area of law under consideration without directing their answers to the particular question, this trend was no more noticeable than in previous years. Clear presentation, a good structure and detailed discussion of the legal rules relevant to the questions are the hallmarks of good answers. Candidates are reminded that answering only two or three questions can make a significant difference to the final result, even if the few questions attempted are very good, as consistency over all questions and both papers is essential for the achievement of a high grade, and candidates are advised to attempt all the required questions on each paper. The difference between a good answer and one which is only satisfactory is the demonstration of analytical ability rather than merely the ability to reproduce material learned by rote.

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