

YEAR 12 *Trial Exam Paper*

2018

LEGAL STUDIES

Written examination

STUDENT NAME:

Reading time: 15 minutes

Writing time: 2 hours

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
A	8	8	40
B	3	3	40
			Total 80

- Students are permitted to bring the following items into the examination: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring blank sheets of paper and/or correction fluid/tape into the examination.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in this examination.

Materials provided

- Question and answer book of 23 pages
- Additional space is provided at the end of this book if you require more space to complete an answer.

Instructions

- Write your **name** in the box provided.
- You must answer the questions in English.

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SECTION B

Instructions for Section B

Use stimulus material, where provided, to answer the questions in this section. It is not intended that this material will provide you with all the information to fully answer the questions.

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Question 1 (17 marks)

Source 1

The following is an extract from the Royal Commission into Family Violence website.

In keeping with its terms of reference, the Royal Commission into Family Violence aimed to make recommendations which [among other things]:

- foster a violence-free society
- reduce and aim to eliminate family violence
- prevent the occurrence and escalation of family violence
- build respectful family relationships ...
- support adults and children who have been affected by family violence
- hold those who have been violent accountable for their actions
- help people who use or may use family violence to change their behaviour.

Source: Royal Commission into Family Violence website,
<www.rcfv.com.au/The-Commission>
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Source 2

The following is an extract from the Victoria Legal Aid website.

Our submission to the Royal Commission

Our submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence made 35 recommendations to improve the legal response to family violence ...

We support a system that:

- recognises the unique preventative role and value of family violence legal services for both applicants and respondents
- improves the operational processes supporting the legal response to family violence
- promotes rehabilitation where appropriate once a criminal justice response is triggered by responding to the individual circumstances of people who commit criminal offences in the context of family violence.

Source: Victoria Legal Aid website, <www.legalaid.vic.gov.au/about-us/strategic-advocacy-and-law-reform/more-effective-responses-to-family-violence/royal-commission-into-family-violence>
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Source 3

The following is an extract from the Parliament of Victoria website.

Terms of Reference

On 11 November 2015, the Legislative Council issues the attached terms of reference for the Inquiry into Illicit and Synthetic Drugs and Prescription Medication.

The Law Reform, Road and Community Safety Committee has since refined the terms of reference and amended the inquiry title to the Inquiry into Drug Law Reform.

The Committee will inquire into, consider and report, no later than 29 March 2018 on:

- 1) The effectiveness of laws, procedures and regulations relating to illicit and synthetic drugs and the misuse of prescription medication in minimising drug-related health, social and economic harm; and
- 2) The practice of other Australian states and territories and overseas jurisdictions and their approach to drug law reform and how other positive reforms could be adopted into Victorian law.

Source: Victorian Parliament website,
<<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/lrrcsc/inquiries/article/2809>>
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- a.** Explain **one** way in which the terms of reference and aims of the Royal Commission into Family Violence **or** the Law Reform, Road and Community Safety Committee’s Inquiry into Drug Law Reform restrict the selected body from influencing change in the law.

3 marks

b. Explain **one** reason for the existence of a court hierarchy, making particular reference to this case.

3 marks
