

A-LEVEL Law Year 13 Summer Independent Learning

<u>SIL Focus</u>	<u>Task Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Checklist</u> <i>(tick when complete)</i>
New Content	Tasks 1-4	Law Making and Influences (<i>Paper 2, Section A</i>)	
Retrieval Practice	Tasks 5-6	Legal System and Criminal Law (<i>Paper 1 Section A & B</i>)	

Compulsory Content- Part 1

Task 1 – Law Making and Influences

When Parliament make law they are influenced by a number of factors. Use the following links to research and detail how the below influence our laws:

- <https://www.legalsecretaryjournal.com/influences-in-law-making>
- <https://www.lawteacher.net/free-law-essays/administrative-law/many-influences-on-parliament-administrative-law-essay.php>
- https://prezi.com/t5xwx_t-wzig/the-influences-of-parliament/

Body	How they influence our law?
Media / Public Opinion	
Pressure Groups	
Law Commission	
European Union	

Task 2 – Law Making and Influences

When a law is made it starts off as a bill. There are three main types of bill. Watch the following video to detail the types of bill:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=10&v=LaFgWniqd2Y

Type of bill	Detail (who proposes it and give examples of each)
Public bill	
Private bill	
Hybrid bill	

Task 3 – Law Making and Influences

When a bill becomes a law, it has to go through many stages. All of the stages must be done correctly. Use the following links to research each stage and complete the flow diagram on the other side.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iM4CKYCrW7Y>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=Wuk3L3tknwg
- <https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/laws/passage-bill/commons/coms-commons-first-reading/>

Law making process

Green Paper

White Paper

First Reading

Second
Reading

Committee
Stage

Report Stage

Third
Reading

Other House

Royal Assent

Task 4 – Law Making and Influences

So far, you have looked at areas that you can have 8 mark knowledge (AO1) questions on (influences, bills, process). You can also be asked 12 mark evaluation (AO3) questions on this topic. Conduct your own independent research into the advantages and disadvantages of Parliament making law.

Evaluation of Parliamentary law making

Advantages	Disadvantages

Strongly Recommended Content- Part 2

These tasks are not compulsory but we **strongly recommend** that you complete these tasks to support your ability to answer exam questions. These tasks explore some of the areas of criminal law that we covered in the first year of your 2-year Law course.

Task 5 – Legal System and Criminal Law – Practice paper

Complete the following practice exam paper without notes. Ensure you answer all questions on the paper. Time yourself and write your total time at the bottom of the paper. *This paper should take you 2 hours maximum.*

Paper 1: Legal System and Criminal Law

SECTION A

The legal system

Answer **two** questions (**one** from questions 1-2 and **one** from questions 3-4.)

*Answer **one** question from questions 1-2.*

1. Describe the trial courts that can hear criminal cases and the types of cases that are dealt with by these courts. [8]
2. Explain how technology is being used to assist the legal profession. [8]

*Answer **one** question from questions 3-4.*

3. Discuss the disadvantages of using lay magistrates in criminal cases [12]
4. Discuss the advantages of using solicitors and barristers to resolve legal disputes. [12]

SECTION B

Criminal Law

Choose **Part 1** or **Part 2**.

Part 1

Answer the **three** questions below

*The first two questions are based on the scenarios below. The scenarios are **not** related.*

Sophie and Neil had been married for 10 years. Recently, Neil has accrued a large amount of debt, as he has developed a gambling problem, and was struggling to pay the mortgage. Neil planned to kill Sophie and claim the money from her life insurance policy. One night, while Sophie was in the bath, Neil went into the bathroom, plugged in the hairdryer and said, 'Sorry love, there's no other way'. Just as Neil was about to drop the hairdryer into Sophie's bath, Sophie jumped up and knocked the hairdryer out of his hand and kicked Neil in the face. Sophie then ran out of the house, and her neighbour called the police. Neil suffered a broken nose that required surgery.

Daniel suffered from schizophrenia. He often heard voices and saw shadows of people, but this was controlled with medication. Daniel has recently met Abigail in a pub. He arranged to go out on a date with Abigail to a restaurant. During their meal, Daniel started to shout at the waiter because he claimed that his food was too hot; he claimed that the restaurant was trying to kill him. Daniel picked up a steak knife and stabbed the waiter in the leg. The waiter has an emergency operation on his leg and, as a result, despite medical treatment, the waiter was partially paralysed.

5. Advise whether Neil is criminally liable for the attempted murder of Sophie, and advice on any **defences** available to Sophie for the injury to Neil. [20]
6. Discuss Daniel's criminal liability for the injuries to the waiter, and advise if there are any **defences** available to Daniel. [20]

Essay question on criminal law

7. 'Involuntary manslaughter achieves justice for the victim whilst balancing fairness for the defendant.' Discuss the extent to which this statement is true. **(20)**

Part 2

Answer the **three** questions below

*The first two questions are based on the scenarios below. The scenarios are **not** related.*

Dixon worked as the manager of a security depot in Hockley, which handled cash for the Bank of London. Colin and Asif were cleaners at the depot and planned to steal the contents of the safe when the next shipment of money arrived. One night whilst on duty, Colin and Asif called Dixon at home and said that the alarm to the safe was going off and they needed his help. When Dixon arrived at the depot, he was immediately confronted by Colin pointing what looked like a gun at him (this was actually a chair leg) and by Asif with a roll of duct tape. Colin told Dixon that if he did not follow his instructions, he would 'get his head blown off'. Colin told Dixon that he wanted the keys to the safe, so Dixon handed Colin the keys. Asif tied up Dixon using the duct tape and locked him in the office. Less than two hours later, Colin and Asif left with £1 million in cash. Anna purchased a gun and a rope in order to tie up the security guards. When Anna was approaching the depot, through the window she saw Asif tying Colin up. Anna panicked and ran away.

Dale ordered a pair of trainers online and went to the shop to collect and pay for his trainers. When Dale arrived at the shop, the salesgirl told him that she would collect his trainers from the stockroom. Dale waited for over 20 minutes and became increasingly frustrated. Dale was in a rush, so he decided to get the trainers himself and walk out of the shop without paying. Dale saw that the door to the stockroom has a sign on it saying; 'Staff only permitted'. Dale went into the stockroom and took a pair of trainers. As he walked towards the exit, he saw a security guard walking towards him and ran out of the shop with the trainers.

8. Discuss the criminal liability of Colin and Asif for robbery. Discuss the liability of Anna for attempted robbery. [20]
9. Advise whether Dale is criminally liable for entering the stockroom and or the taking of the trainers from the shop. [20]

Essay question on criminal law

10. 'Involuntary manslaughter achieves justice for the victim whilst balancing fairness for the defendant.' Discuss the extent to which this statement is true. (20)