

A Level Law Year 13 Summer Independent Learning

This pack contains various tasks to help you prepare for the start of year 13 in September.

Please **complete ALL tasks** ready for your first day back at New College. We recommend completing this task on Microsoft Word or other electronic means. **However, this must be brought in as a printed copy to your first lesson. This is because your teacher will take it in and check it.**

The Summer Independent Learning in this pack will focus on new content and retrieval from year 12 as shown in the below table:

<u>SIL Focus</u>	<u>Task Number</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Checklist</u> (tick when complete)
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>) and Tort (<i>Paper 2, Section B</i>)	
Retrieval and Exam Skills	Task 7-8	Tort (<i>Paper 2, Section B</i>)	
New Content – Pre-reading	Task 9	Human Rights (Paper 3, Part B)	

Law Making and Influences

Task 1 – Law Making and Influences

When Parliament make law they are influenced by a number of different 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/>

Type of influence	Description/ How they influence our law?	Examples
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. **Research the types of Bill and complete the table below:**

Type of Bill	Detail (who proposes it and give examples of each)
Public Bill	
Private Bill	
Private Members Bill	



Choose and research a current Bill in Parliament and answer the following questions:

<https://bills.parliament.uk/>

Question	Answer
What is the name of the Bill you chose?	
Describe what the Bill is all about.	
What influenced this Bill to be made in the first place? How did it come about?	
What type of Bill is it and who introduced it?	
What stage of the law making process is it at?	
What will be the impacts of this Bill turning into a law?	

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 of the Parliamentary law-making process and complete the flow diagram.

- <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



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 Parliamentary law-making process.**

Evaluation of the Parliamentary law-making process

Advantages	Disadvantages
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

Task 5 – Legal System and Criminal Law – Practice

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 aims of sentencing and any aggravating and mitigating factors which affect a sentence (8 marks)
2. Describe the role and regulation of solicitors and legal executives. (8 marks)

Pick either Q3 or Q4:

3. Discuss the advantages of using juries in criminal cases. (12 marks)
4. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the judiciary. (12 marks)

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.*

Sally is having a party at her home to celebrate her birthday. Her brother, Harry, decides to play a joke on Sally by hiding in a large box wrapped with a ribbon. As Sally, who thinks this box is a present, removes the ribbon. Harry bursts out of the top of the box wearing a clown's mask and shouts, "Surprise! Happy birthday!! Shocked, Sally, who is clearly frightened, begins to panic. Then Harry jumps out of the box and pushes a custard pie in Sally's face. This causes Sally to stumble backwards and trip over a chair knocking herself unconscious for three minutes.

5. Advise whether Harry is liable for any non-fatal offences against the person against Sally. (20 marks)

Maria was engaged to Frank, a climber. Frank and his friend Gavin were climbing when Frank fell and died. Gavin survived and Maria believes he could have saved Frank. Maria is depressed and her doctor has prescribed medication. The doctor says she must only take one pill at a time and not drink alcohol. At a lunch in Frank's memory Maria is wearing a necklace he gave her. She hears Gavin say that Frank was a dangerous climber who got what he deserved. Maria is upset and takes a pill the doctor prescribed washed down with a glass of red wine. An hour later, Maria is drinking a glass of lemonade when Gavin comes and hugs her. She runs off and falls, breaking her necklace. Maria sees Gavin laugh. She grabs a sharp knife from the lunch table and stabs Gavin several times, killing him.

6. Advise whether Maria can avoid liability for murder by using the defences of loss of control or diminished responsibility. (20 marks)

Essay question on criminal law

7. "The law on assault and battery is effective and protects victims". Discuss the extent to which you agree with this statement. (20 marks)

Part 2

Answer the **three** questions below

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

Heidi and Mark are famous models who are working at an international fashion show. They dislike each other and will do anything to get more publicity than the other. After the show, where they are appearing together on stage, both models spot a photographer for a world-famous fashion magazine. Mark deliberately stands in front of Heidi to block her from the photographer's view. Annoyed, Heidi pushes Mark out of the way and he falls from the stage. However, unknown to Heidi, Mark has osteoporosis (a medical condition where bones break easily) and breaks his neck in the fall. He dies immediately.

8. Advise whether Heidi is criminally liable for the unlawful act manslaughter of Mark. (20 marks)

Hamza rents out houses to students. He goes to each house to collect the money he is owed. At the first house, Sylvia is not in, but through the window Hamza sees her laptop computer on a desk. He rings his brother, Muhammed and sells it to him for £100, telling him to collect it from the house. At the next house, Hamza notices some rare plants growing in a large plant pot. They were planted there by Freddie, the tenant. Hamza digs up several of the plants and intends to give them to his friend, Mabel, as a gift. As he is driving back to deliver the plants to Mabel, Hamza is stopped for dangerous driving. He is diabetic and has not eaten after taking his insulin that morning. He says that he could not remember anything about the journey. Hamza is charged with theft and dangerous driving.

9. Advise whether Hamza is criminally liable for theft and whether or not he can rely on any mental capacity defences. (20 marks)

Essay question on criminal law

10. "The law on assault and battery is effective and protects victims". Discuss the extent to which you agree with this statement. (20 marks)

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 1 hour maximum.*

SECTION B

Tort Law

Answer the **three** questions below

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

Carly has bought a shop. The shop is in a bad state of repair, especially in the storeroom where there is a rotten floorboard. Carly fixed a warning notice to the door saying 'Keep out – floor unsafe'. The electrical wiring needed to be replaced, so she called in Andy the Electrician, who was recommended by the local council. Andy replaced the wiring and told Carly that it was all completed. Andy then packed up his tools to leave but found he was missing a set of pliers. He went into the storeroom to see if he left it there and the rotten floorboard collapsed. Andy fell part-way through the hole in the floor, breaking his leg. An ambulance was called, and Meg the paramedic came into the shop to help Andy. She switched on the light and received an electric shock due to faulty wiring. Meg suffered severe burns.

Ahmed has just passed his driving test and purchased a new car. He offers to take his neighbour Beena to the supermarket. Beena usually gets the bus and is not used to travelling by car. She refuses to wear her seat belt as she says she feels trapped when wearing it. When leaving the supermarket, Ahmed puts the car in reverse gear by mistake. Consequently, he smashes the car into the wall behind him. Beena suffers a 'whiplash' neck injury and has to take six weeks off work. She is also left suffering from an anxiety disorder and is now afraid to go outdoors. She wishes to sue Ahmed for negligence.

1. Advise whether Carly will be liable to Andy and Meg under Occupiers Liability, including any relevant defences. **[20]**
2. Advise Beena whether Ahmed is liable to her in negligence and, if so, what remedies she might expect. **[20]**

Additional content – Tort Law

This additional content focuses on exam skills and the law of Tort.

Task 7 – Law of Tort - Remedies

By applying the law to a scenario you are able to test your knowledge of the law whilst developing essential skills for the exam. Read the facts and decide what remedies may be available to Richard:

Carole owns a chicken farm. A year ago she obtained planning permission to build a large shed to expand her business. Carole's next-door neighbour, Richard, is an artist who sells work from a studio at his home. He complains forcefully to Carole that his business is suffering as the noise of her chickens means visitors don't stay long enough to buy any art. In response Carole takes delivery of even more chickens.

Lorries collecting eggs from Carole's chickens day and night. Richard claims that the lorries keep him awake and that the rural atmosphere is ruined. The cars and lorries produce fumes which Richard says have made his prize-winning flowers die

Advise Richard as to the type of remedies he might be able to claim.

Task 8 – Law of Tort - Defences

The following scenario includes some defences. Read the facts and decide if David can successfully raise any defence, answer the questions below:

David was taking his daughter Elena, aged eight, to school in his car. She was not wearing a seat belt. As they were late, David was driving very fast. He was unable to avoid Frank who was in the middle of the road on his motorbike, overtaking a car. Frank had seen David approach him but decided to overtake him anyway.

Both Elena and Frank were taken to hospital as they were seriously injured. At the hospital the doctors offered Frank a risky operation to limit the extent of his brain injury. Frank chose to go ahead with the operation but it made his condition worse.

1. Can David raise any defences against a claim of negligence made by Elena?
2. Can David raise any defences against a claim of negligence made by Frank?







Pre-reading for September – Human Rights

Task 9 – Human Rights

Use the link or QR code to access the video on human rights and then complete the below

table https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XXGF_V8_7M



	Article 5	Article 6	Article 8	Article 10	Article 11
<p>1. What human right does the article cover?</p> 					
<p>2. Why is this human right important? What might it be like to live in a society that does not protect this HR?</p>					
<p>3. Find a recent news article that is linked to this human right. What is it about? How was the human right affected? What was the outcome?</p>					