

SUBJECT: LEGAL STUDIES

SUBJECT CODE: LST315117

	RATING A	RATING B	RATING C
Criterion 1 – describe and analyse structures and processes of Australia’s Westminster parliamentary system of government	explains the principles of liberal democracy	correctly describes the principles of liberal democracy	correctly identifies the principles of liberal democracy
	evaluates features and processes of the Westminster system adopted in Australia	analyses and assesses features and processes of the Westminster system adopted in Australia	assesses features and processes of the Westminster system adopted in Australia
	explains features of Australia’s federal system and legal roles of different levels of government	correctly describes features of Australia’s federal system and legal roles of different levels of government	correctly identifies features of Australia’s federal system and legal roles of different levels of government
	evaluates alterations to Australia’s federal system of government over time	analyses alterations to Australia’s federal system of government over time	identifies alterations to Australia’s federal system of government over time
	critically analyses strengths and limitations of federalism in Australia, and evaluates impact of changes to division of powers	analyses strengths and limitations of federalism in Australia, and assesses impact of changes to division of powers	identifies strengths and limitations of Australia’s federal system of government
	critically analyses issues of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia’s legal and political system.	analyses issues of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia’s legal and political system.	identifies issues of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia’s legal and political system.

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Criterion 2 – describe and analyse aspects of Australian law	explains legislative processes for creation of Australian law, and evaluates effectiveness of legislation as a source of law	correctly describes legislative processes for creation of Australian law, and analyses advantages and limitations of legislation as a source of law	correctly identifies legislative processes for creation of Australian law, and assesses advantages and limitations of legislation as a source of law
	explains jurisdictions of Federal and Tasmanian court hierarchies and processes for creation of common law, and evaluates effectiveness of judges as lawmakers	correctly describes Federal and Tasmanian court hierarchies and processes for creation of common law, and analyses advantages and limitations of judges as law makers	correctly identifies features of Federal and Tasmanian court hierarchies and processes for creation of common law, and assesses advantages and limitations of judges as law makers
	explains reasons for interpretation of legislation by judges, and evaluates dynamics of interactions between legislatures and judiciary as lawmakers	correctly describes reasons for interpretation of legislation by judges, and analyses interactions between legislatures and judiciary as lawmakers	correctly identifies reasons for interpretation of legislation by judges, and assesses interactions of parliament and courts as lawmakers
	explains principles and processes of law reform	correctly describes principles and processes of law reform	correctly identifies key principles and processes of law reform
	analyses methods, significance of and barriers to law reform, and evaluates ability of individuals and interest groups to influence reform.	analyses and assesses effectiveness of law reform processes and ability of individuals and interest groups to influence lawmaking.	assesses effectiveness of law reform and ability of individuals and interest groups to influence lawmaking.

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Criterion 3: describe and analyse aspects of International law	explains the differences between international law and Australian law	correctly describes the differences between international law and Australian law	correctly identifies the differences between international law and Australian law
	explains the principle institutions of international law, evaluates* their interrelationship and their powers	correctly describes the principle institutions of international law and their powers	correctly identifies the principle institutions of international law and their powers
	evaluates the effect of international law on Australian law	analyses and assesses the effect of international law on Australian law	assesses the effect of international law on Australian law
	critically analyses why states obey international law and how international law is enforced.	correctly explains why states obey international law and how international law is enforced.	correctly identifies why states obey international law and how international law is enforced.

THIS CRITERION IS BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY ASSESSED.

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Criterion 4: describe and analyse Australian dispute resolution systems and processes	explains features of adversary system, and critically evaluates effectiveness of adversary system as a means of dispute resolution	correctly describes features of adversary system, and analyses effectiveness of adversary system as a means of dispute resolution	correctly identifies features of adversary system, and describes role of adjudicator, parties, legal representation and the jury in the trial process
	explains alternative dispute resolution processes, and critically analyses processes as a means of dispute resolution in court and out-of-court contexts.	correctly describes alternative dispute resolution processes, and analyses processes as a means of dispute resolution in court and out-of-court contexts.	correctly identifies and describes alternative dispute resolution process appropriate to given disputes, and assesses advantages and limitations of process.

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Criterion 5: describe and analyse Australia's criminal justice system	explains rights of accused, victim and community in criminal cases, and evaluates effectiveness of processes to safeguard rights	correctly describes rights of accused, victim and community in criminal cases, and assesses effectiveness of processes to safeguard rights	correctly describes rights of accused, victim and community in criminal cases and assesses processes to safeguard rights
	explains laws, principles, procedures and options concerning sentencing offenders	correctly describes laws, principles, procedures and options concerning sentencing offenders	correctly identifies laws, principles, procedures and options concerning sentencing offenders
	critically evaluates effectiveness of sentencing in achieving aims of punishment.	analyses effectiveness of sentencing in achieving aims of punishment.	assesses effectiveness of sentencing in achieving aims of punishment.

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Criterion 6: describe and analyse a topical legal issue	explains an issue, using accurate and appropriate political and legal terminology	describes an issue, using accurate and appropriate political and legal terminology	identifies the facts of an issue, using accurate and appropriate political and legal terminology
	explains connections between an issue and relevant political and legal institutions and processes of the current Australian political and legal system, and relevant aspects of international law	describes connections between an issue and relevant political and legal institutions and processes of the current Australian political and legal system, and relevant aspects of international law	identifies a limited range of connections between an issue and a limited range of relevant political and legal institutions and processes of the current Australian and political and legal system, and relevant aspects of international law
	evaluates differing legal and political views that exist in Australian society about an issue	analyses and assesses differing legal and political views that exist in Australian society about an issue	assesses differing legal and political views that exist in Australian society about an issue

SECTION A AND C

	RATING A	RATING B	RATING C
Criterion 8: communicate legal and political information	communicates using methods, formats and styles appropriate to task and audience	communicates using methods, formats and styles appropriate to task	communicates using methods, formats and styles as directed
	composes clearly structured, coherent and cohesive analytical essays	composes structured and coherent analytical essays	composes structured analytical essays
	accurately uses complex grammatical conventions, spelling and punctuation in written responses	accurately uses grammatical conventions, spelling and punctuation in written responses	uses grammatical conventions, spelling and punctuation to achieve clarity in written responses
	uses a wide range of appropriate terms to explain ideas and concepts to clearly support coherent discussion and communicate meaning	uses a range of appropriate terms to explain ideas and concepts to support coherent discussion	uses a limited range of appropriate terms to support discussion

SECTION D

	RATING A	RATING B	RATING C
Criterion 8: communicate legal and political information	communicates using methods, formats and styles appropriate to task and audience	communicates using methods, formats and styles appropriate to task	communicates using methods, formats and styles as directed
	accurately uses complex grammatical conventions, spelling and punctuation in written responses	accurately uses grammatical conventions, spelling and punctuation in written responses	uses grammatical conventions, spelling and punctuation to achieve clarity in written responses
	uses a wide range of appropriate terms to explain ideas and concepts to clearly support coherent discussion and communicate meaning	uses a range of appropriate terms to explain ideas and concepts to support coherent discussion	uses a limited range of appropriate terms to support discussion