
Examiner's report 2009

2650030 Common law reasoning and institutions Zone A (old syllabus)

Introduction

This was the last year of a division between new *Regulations* students – those who registered on or after 1 September 2007 – and old *Regulations* students. For this year **all** students also sat the new *Regulations* paper with its compulsory question.

Therefore **all** students should refer to that *Examiner's report*.

The papers were only differentiated by Question 1, which was on the jury (as below) for the old *Regulations* paper.

Specific comments on questions

Question 1

'The jury has outlived its purpose and can be discarded.'

Discuss.

This is a topical question and was popular. It is in a very standard form and required a grasp of history: what was its purpose, and has that purpose been outlived? The question is virtually repeated as one of the six research essay topics for 2009–10 and appears as question 4:

'4. The jury is an outmoded institution and ought to be discarded. The fact that many countries that once had the jury have abandoned it only reinforces this point.

'Discuss with reference to the use of the jury in England and Wales and the position in at least one other jurisdiction.'

Since students may choose this question as the research essay that they will submit via the VLE, it would be unwise to comment further in case these comments are then used by some students in their research essay!

ALL OTHER QUESTIONS ARE THE SAME AS THE NEW *REGULATIONS* PAPER. PLEASE REFER TO THAT.