



SCHOOL OF LAW

COURSE NAME: Legal Systems I

COURSE NO: LA 100

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

READING TIME: 10 minutes

NUMBER OF PAGES: 2

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ON PAPER: 7

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED: 4

MARK ALLOCATED FOR EACH QUESTION: 15 marks

TOTAL MARKS: 60 marks

MATERIALS PERMITTED IN EXAMINATION ROOM:

No materials are permitted in the examination room. This is a closed-book examination.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- All answers must be supported with case-laws and/or statutes where applicable.
- All answers must refer to a country in the South Pacific.

Questions

1. Discuss the meaning of the term "law"- taking into account the pervasive and changing nature of law as your guidelines. (15 marks)

2. (a) Discuss any five classifications of law you are familiar with. (7.5 marks) **AND**
(b) Explain the relevance of classifying law according to subject matter. (Give 4 reasons). (7.5 marks)

3. By citing appropriate examples, explain:
(a) What a written constitution is. (5 marks) **AND**
(b) The process of constitution-making. (5) **AND**
(c) The way by which constitutions are amended. (5)

- 4.(a) Describe the nature and contents of legislation. (7.5 marks) **AND**
(b) Discuss by giving two examples, how legislation may be declared invalid. (7.5 marks)

5. (a) What is subsidiary legislation? (5 marks) **AND**
(b) Discuss any four grounds by which a court of law may declare subsidiary legislation to be null and void. (10 marks)

6. Discuss any four ways by which the principles of common law and equity have influenced the development of the laws in a country of your choice in the South Pacific. (15 marks)

7. (a) Is customary law relevant to a legal system? Give 5 reasons in support of your answer. (10 marks) **AND**
(b) Discuss any three difficulties in applying custom as a form of law in a country of your choice in the South Pacific. (5 marks)

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