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SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATION 2023/24

**ENGLISH LEGAL SYSTEM & FOUNDATION LEGAL
SKILLS**

MODULE NO: LAW4007

Date: Saturday 13 January 2024

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

There are two sections on this paper. (Section A and Section B)

Read the instructions given for each section carefully

Total marks 50

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SECTION A

Short answers: Answer any 6 questions

Q1. What is primary legislation in the UK, and how is it created?

(5 marks)

Q2. What is the doctrine of stare decisis, and how does it apply in the UK legal system?

(5 marks)

Q3. What are magistrates' courts, and what types of cases do they typically handle?

(5 marks)

Q4. What is the key function of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in the UK legal system?

(5 marks)

Q5. What are the key responsibilities of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in the UK legal system, and how does it contribute to the criminal justice process?

(5 marks)

Q6. Describe the role of the Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC) in the selection and appointment of judges in the UK.

(5 marks)

Q7. What role does common law play in the UK legal system, and how is it developed?

(5 marks)

Total 30 marks

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SECTION B

Long answers: Answer all questions

Sarah has been involved in a car accident with Tom. Sarah believes that Tom's reckless driving caused the accident and wants compensation for her car's damages and medical bills. Tom disputes the claim, arguing that Sarah was at fault.

Q8. What are the primary features that distinguish the criminal justice system from the civil justice system?

(10 marks)

Q9. In this scenario, an alternative method of resolving Sarah and Tom's dispute could be through mediation or arbitration. Explain

(10 marks)

Total 20 marks

END OF QUESTIONS