
2025 HSC Legal Studies Marking Guidelines

Section I

Multiple-choice Answer Key

Question	Answer
1	A
2	B
3	B
4	D
5	B
6	B
7	A
8	D
9	D
10	A
11	A
12	C
13	B
14	A
15	B
16	A
17	C
18	C
19	D
20	D

Section II

Part A — Human Rights

Question 21

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a sound understanding of how the recognition of peace rights has changed over time 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates some understanding of how peace rights changed over time 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides some relevant information about peace rights 	1

Sample answer:

Peace rights are the collective, third generation right to live free from conflict which has evolved over time. Under the *UN Charter 1945*, governments are required to take necessary action to avoid war. This responsibility has evolved into a more significant obligation to recognise and act to work towards maintaining peace for all peoples, as seen in the *Declaration of Rights of People to Peace 1984*. But this is not always achieved eg Gaza/Ukraine.

Question 22

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a thorough explanation of how the media influences changes in human rights • Integrates relevant examples 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a sound explanation of how the media influences changes in human rights • Refers to relevant examples 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides some explanation of how the media influences changes in human rights • May use an example 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes general statements about how the media influences changes in human rights 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides some relevant information about human rights 	1

Sample answer:

The media has a key role in influencing change in human rights because it provides a platform for raising awareness and advocating for action on issues of community concern. Whilst press freedom is a generally widely accepted right in democracies, it is not universally protected. For example, some countries impose media censorship on the reporting of issues. The media also has a significant responsibility to inform the public about human rights violations and inadequacies of existing laws eg treatment of asylum seekers. In this way, the media influences change in human rights. It acts as an important mechanism for ensuring accountability and transparency of law-making bodies and prompts the reform process eg *Four Corners 2024* 'Closure of Don Dale detention centre in the NT'.

Question 23

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a thorough understanding of human rights • Provides a clear and detailed explanation of how legal measures protect human rights • Integrates an example into the response 	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a sound understanding of human rights • Provides a clear explanation of how legal measures protect human rights • Uses an example in the response 	5–6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates some understanding of human rights • Provides some explanation of how legal measures protect human rights • Refers to an example 	3–4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes general statements about legal measures and human rights • May refer to an example 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides some relevant information about human rights 	1

Answers could include:

- Legal measures – legislation, constitution, common law precedents, international/UN bodies, AHRC
- Protect – codifies and enshrines
- Human rights – universal but more likely to be achieved if legal measures reflect most societal values and ethics
- Compliance/non-compliance – eg enforcement, sanctions, deterrence or consequences
- Protecting rights via parliament, courts, tribunals and police
- State sovereignty is critical to the protection of human rights
- Examples – international and/or domestic eg slavery, underpayments, freedom of movement, asylum seekers.

Section II

Part B — Crime

Question 24

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of Australia’s criminal legal system • Provides an informed analysis of how Australia’s criminal legal system operates to protect community interests, with reference to legal measures to combat both transnational and domestic crimes • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	13–15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a substantial understanding of Australia’s criminal legal system • Provides a sound analysis of how Australia’s criminal legal system operates to protect community interests, with reference to legal measures to combat both transnational and domestic crimes • Uses relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	10–12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates an understanding of Australia’s criminal legal system • Provides some analysis of how Australia’s criminal legal system operates to protect community interests, with reference to legal measures to combat transnational and/or domestic crimes • Makes some reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a structured response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	7–9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a limited understanding of Australia’s criminal legal system • Makes general statements about the protection of community interests and/or legal measures • Makes limited reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Uses some relevant legal terminology 	4–6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about criminal legal systems • May include reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–3

Answers could include:

- Transnational crime
 - Human trafficking/people smuggling
 - Drug/arms trafficking
 - Cyber crime
 - Money laundering
 - Extradition
 - Joint taskforce with international and regional law enforcement agencies eg INTERPOL
 - Domestic legislation and capacity to investigate and prosecute for breaches
- Criminal investigation process
 - Bail/remand
 - Police powers
 - Investigating crime
- Criminal trial process
 - Defences
 - Adversary system
 - Juries
- Sentencing and punishment
 - Purposes
 - Penalty types
 - Judicial and statutory guidelines
 - Post sentencing
 - Diversionary schemes
- Young offenders
 - Rehabilitation focus – punishment and diversion
 - Rights of children – investigation
 - Children’s court.

Section III — Options

Question 25 — Consumers

Question 25 (a)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of the law concerning consumers • Makes an informed judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates substantial understanding of the law concerning consumers • Makes a sound judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Uses relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	16–20
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding of the law concerning consumers • Makes statements about how non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Makes limited reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Uses some relevant legal terminology 	6–10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law concerning consumers • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- The nature of consumer law
- Consumer redress and remedies
- The role of law reform
- Contemporary issues concerning consumers.

Question 25 (b)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of community values and just outcomes relating to consumer law • Makes an informed judgement about the interrelationship between changing community values and achievement of just outcomes for consumers • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents AND at least ONE contemporary issue • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law relating to consumers • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- Legal and non-legal remedies available to consumers
- Contemporary issues concerning consumers
- Role of law reform.

Question 26 — Global Environmental Protection

Question 26 (a)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of the law concerning global environmental protection • Makes an informed judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law concerning global environmental protection • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- The nation state and state sovereignty
- International and domestic responses
- Australia’s federal structure
- Contemporary issues concerning global environmental protection.

Question 26 (b)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of community values and just outcomes relating to global environment law • Makes an informed judgement about interrelationship between changing community values and achievement of just outcomes for the global environment • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents AND at least ONE contemporary issue • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law relating to the global environment • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- Legal and non-legal measures in protecting the global environment
- Contemporary issues concerning global environmental protection
- Role of law reform.

Question 27 — Family

Question 27 (a)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of the law concerning families • Makes an informed judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates substantial understanding of the law concerning families • Makes a sound judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Uses relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	16–20
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding of the law concerning families • Makes statements about how non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Makes limited reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Uses some relevant legal terminology 	6–10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law concerning families • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- Legal rights and obligations of parents and children
- Legal consequences of separation
- Dealing with domestic violence
- Contemporary issues concerning family law.

Question 27 (b)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of community values and just outcomes relating to family law • Makes an informed judgement about interrelationship between changing community values and achievement of just outcomes for families • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents AND at least ONE contemporary issue • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law relating to families • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- Legal consequences of separation
- Legal and non-legal remedies available to families
- Contemporary issues concerning families
- Role of law reform.

Question 28 — Indigenous Peoples

Question 28 (a)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of the law concerning Indigenous Peoples • Makes an informed judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates substantial understanding of the law concerning Indigenous Peoples • Makes a sound judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Uses relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	16–20
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding of the law concerning Indigenous Peoples • Makes statements about how non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Makes limited reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Uses some relevant legal terminology 	6–10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law concerning Indigenous Peoples • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- Loss of rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Legal recognition of Indigenous Peoples
- The nation state and state sovereignty
- Contemporary issues concerning Indigenous Peoples.

Question 28 (b)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of community values and just outcomes relating to the law concerning Indigenous Peoples • Makes an informed judgement about the interrelationship between changing community values and achievement of just outcomes for Indigenous Peoples • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents AND at least ONE contemporary issue • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law relating to Indigenous Peoples • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- Loss of rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Legal and non-legal responses available to Indigenous Peoples
- Contemporary issues concerning Indigenous Peoples
- Role of law reform.

Question 29 — Shelter

Question 29 (a)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of the law concerning shelter • Makes an informed judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates substantial understanding of the law concerning shelter • Makes a sound judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Uses relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	16–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates an understanding of the law concerning shelter • Makes some judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Makes some reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a structured response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	11–15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding of the law concerning shelter • Makes statements about how non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Makes limited reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Uses some relevant legal terminology 	6–10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law concerning shelter • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- Rights and obligations of landlords and tenants
- Obligation to provide shelter
- Legal protection and remedies associated with securing shelter
- Contemporary issues concerning shelter.

Question 29 (b)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of community values and just outcomes relating to the law concerning shelter • Makes an informed judgement about the interrelationship between changing community values and achievement of just outcomes for people seeking and providing shelter • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents AND at least ONE contemporary issue • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates substantial understanding of community values and just outcomes relating to the law concerning shelter • Makes a sound judgement about the interrelationship between changing community values and achievement of just outcomes for people seeking and providing shelter • Uses relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents AND at least ONE contemporary issue • Presents a logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	16–20
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law relating to shelter • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- Role of the legal system in protecting those securing and providing shelter
- Legal protection and remedies associated with securing shelter
- Contemporary issues concerning shelter
- Role of law reform.

Question 30 — Workplace

Question 30 (a)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of the law concerning workplaces • Makes an informed judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates substantial understanding of the law concerning workplaces • Makes a sound judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Uses relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	16–20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates an understanding of the law concerning workplaces • Makes some judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Makes some reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a structured response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	11–15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited understanding of the law concerning workplaces • Makes statements about how non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Makes limited reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Uses some relevant legal terminology 	6–10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law concerning workplaces • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- State and federal industrial relations framework
- Dispute resolution mechanisms
- Changing nature of the workplace
- Contemporary issues concerning the workplace.

Question 30 (b)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of community values and just outcomes relating to workplace laws • Makes an informed judgement about the interrelationship between changing community values and achievement of just outcomes concerning the workplace • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents AND at least ONE contemporary issue • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law relating to the workplace • May include reference to examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- Role of the legal system in protecting employers and employees
- Legal protection and remedies associated with employment
- Contemporary issues concerning the workplace
- Role of law reform.

Question 31 — World Order

Question 31 (a)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of the law concerning world order • Makes an informed judgement about the extent to which non-compliance challenges the effectiveness of the law • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law concerning world order • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- The nation state and state sovereignty
- Nature of conflict: inter-state and intra-state
- Intergovernmental organisations
- Contemporary issues concerning world order.

Question 31 (b)

Criteria	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates extensive understanding of community values and just outcomes relating to the law concerning world order • Makes an informed judgement about the interrelationship between changing community values and achievement of just outcomes in promoting peace and resolving conflict • Integrates relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents AND at least ONE contemporary issue • Presents a sustained, logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	21–25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates substantial understanding of community values and just outcomes relating to the law concerning world order • Makes a sound judgement about the interrelationship between changing community values and achievement of just outcomes in promoting peace and resolving conflict • Uses relevant examples such as legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents AND at least ONE contemporary issue • Presents a logical and cohesive response to the question using relevant legal terminology and concepts 	16–20
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes in general terms about the law relating to world order • May include reference to legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents • May refer to general legal terms 	1–5

Answers could include:

- Role of state sovereignty
- Political negotiation, persuasion and the use of force
- Contemporary issues concerning world order
- Role of law reform.

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