

**Victorian Certificate of Education  
2016**

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STUDENT NUMBER           Letter

**LEGAL STUDIES**  
**Written examination**

**Wednesday 9 November 2016**

**Reading time: 2.00 pm to 2.15 pm (15 minutes)**

**Writing time: 2.15 pm to 4.15 pm (2 hours)**

**QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK**

**Structure of book**

<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
12	12	70

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or correction fluid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

**Materials supplied**

- Question and answer book of 20 pages.
- Additional space is available at the end of the book if you need extra paper to complete an answer.

**Instructions**

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- You should make use of stimulus material where it is included. However, it is not intended that this material will provide you with all the information to fully answer the question.
- All written responses must be in English.

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**Instructions**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

**Question 1** (7 marks)

Nathan commences proceedings in the Magistrates' Court against his employer and is seeking \$90 000 in damages.

- a. Describe **one** purpose of damages. 2 marks

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- b. Explain **one** reason why there is a court hierarchy in Victoria. 3 marks

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- c. 'There are Victorian courts, other than the Magistrates' Court, that have original jurisdiction to hear this dispute between Nathan and his employer.'

Why is this statement correct?

2 marks

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**Question 2** (3 marks)

Explain the principles of representative government and responsible government.

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**Question 3** (3 marks)

A referendum proposal was voted on by the electors of Australia. Fifty-six per cent of all voters in Australia voted in favour of the proposal and the majority of voters in all states, except Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales, voted in favour of the proposal.

Was the referendum passed? Justify your answer.

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**Question 9** (7 marks)

A Bill has been introduced into the Commonwealth Parliament to amend an existing law.

a. Describe **one** reason why a law may need to change.

2 marks

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