VCE Legal Studies 2018–2023

Performance Descriptors

| **VCE LEGAL STUDIES****SCHOOL-ASSESSED COURSEWORK** |
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| ***Unit 3******Outcome 1*** ***Explain the rights of the accused and of victims in the criminal justice system, discuss the means used to determine criminal cases and evaluate the ability of the criminal justice system to achieve the principles of justice*** | **DESCRIPTOR: typical performance in each range** |
| **Very low** | **Low** | **Medium** | **High** | **Very high** |
| Limited description of the key concepts in the Victorian criminal justice system.  | Some explanation of the key concepts in the Victorian criminal justice system. | Appropriate explanation of the key concepts in the Victorian criminal justice system. | Detailed explanation of the key concepts in the Victorian criminal justice system. | Comprehensive explanation of the key concepts in the Victorian criminal justice system.  |
| Very limited explanation of the rights of the accused and of victims in the criminal justice system, the purposes of criminal proceedings and the roles of institutions available to assist an accused. | Some explanation of the rights of the accused and of victims in the criminal justice system, the purposes of criminal proceedings and the roles of institutions available to assist an accused. | Appropriate explanation of the rights of the accused and of victims in the criminal justice system, the purposes of criminal proceedings, and the roles of institutions available to assist an accused. | Detailed explanation of the rights of the accused and of victims in the criminal justice system, the purposes of criminal proceedings, and the roles of institutions available to assist an accused. | Insightful explanation of the rights of the accused and of victims in the criminal justice system, the purposes of criminal proceedings, and the roles of institutions available to assist an accused. |
| Very limited discussion of the appropriateness of the means used to determine a criminal case and the ability of sanctions to achieve their purposes. | Some discussion of the appropriateness of the means used to determine a criminal case and the ability of sanctions to achieve their purposes. | Sound discussion of the appropriateness of the means used to determine a criminal case and the ability of sanctions to achieve their purposes. | Detailed discussion of the appropriateness of the means used to determine a criminal case and the ability of sanctions to achieve their purposes. | Sophisticated discussion of the appropriateness of the means used to determine a criminal case and the ability of sanctions to achieve their purposes. |
| Limited explanation of the ability of the criminal justice system to achieve the principles of justice. | Some evaluation of the ability of the criminal justice system to achieve the principles of justice. | Sound evaluation of the ability of the criminal justice system to achieve the principles of justice. | Careful evaluation of the ability of the criminal justice system to achieve the principles of justice. | Critical evaluation of the ability of the criminal justice system to achieve the principles of justice. |
| Limited discussion of recent reforms and recommended reforms to the criminal justice system, with little use of examples. | Some discussion of recent reforms and recommended reforms to the criminal justice system, supported with examples. | Appropriate and accurate discussion of recent reforms and recommended reforms to the criminal justice system, supported with recent, accurate examples. | Detailed discussion of recent reforms and recommended reforms to the criminal justice system, supported with recent, accurate examples. | Insightful discussion of recent reforms and recommended reforms to the criminal justice system, supported with recent, accurate examples. |
| Limited synthesis and little application of legal principles and information to the scenario. | Some synthesis with some application of legal principles and information to the scenario. | Sound synthesis with appropriate application of legal principles and information to the scenario. | Detailed synthesis with accurate application of legal principles and information to the scenario. | Sophisticated synthesis with accurate application of legal principles and information to the scenario. |

KEY to marking scale based on the Outcome contributing 50 marks

| Very Low 1–10 | Low 11–20 | Medium 21–30 | High 31–40 | Very High 41–50 |
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