VCE Legal Studies

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| **VCE Legal Studies****SCHOOL-ASSESSED COURSEWORK** |
| **Performance descriptors** |
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| **Unit 3****Outcome 1*****On completion of this unit the student should be able to explain the key principles in the criminal justice system, discuss the ability of sanctions to achieve their purposes and evaluate the ability of the criminal justice system to achieve the principles of justice during a criminal case.*** | **DESCRIPTOR: typical performance in each range** |
| **Very Low** | **Low** | **Medium** | **High** | **Very high** |
| Identifies some key principles in the criminal justice system  | Identifies and provides a limited explanation of some of the key principles in the criminal justice system  | Satisfactory explanation of the key principles in the criminal justice system  | Detailed and accurate explanation of the key principles in the criminal justice system  | Sophisticated and insightful analysis of the key principles in the criminal justice system  |
| Very limited understanding of some common sanctions  | Limited understanding of a range of sanctions and some understanding of the purpose of each | Sound understanding of a wide range of sanctions and the purpose of each  | Detailed understanding of a wide range of sanctions with discussion of the ability of these to achieve their stated purpose  | Comprehensive understanding of a wide range of sanctions and a detailed discussion of the ability of each to achieve its stated purpose  |
| Identifies three of the principles of justice | Describes the three principles of justice and the relevance of these to the hearing of a criminal case | Explains clearly the three principles of justice and some analysis of the importance of these to the criminal justice system in relation to the hearing of a criminal case | Relevant and logical analysis of aspects of the criminal justice system and its ability to achieve the principles of justice during a criminal case | Comprehensive evaluation of the criminal justice system and its ability to achieve the principles of justice during a criminal case that synthesises information from multiple sources |
| Very limited reference to key legal terminology and concepts | Some demonstration of correct usage and understanding of key legal terminology and concepts | Demonstrates and applies a sound understanding to a range of legal terms and concepts | Demonstrates a sound understanding of all legal terms and concepts and applies these appropriately to a scenario | Demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of legal terms and concepts and applies these appropriately to different scenarios  |
| Limited explanation of legal principles and information using key knowledge | Applies some legal principles and information to scenarios | Provides an appropriate synthesis of relevant information when applying legal principles and information from different sources | Provides a detailed synthesis of relevant information when applying and interpreting information from different sources | Provides a comprehensive synthesis supported by sophisticated use of information and legal principles from different sources  |

KEY to marking scale based on the outcome contributing 50 marks

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| Very Low 1–10 | Low 10–20 | Medium 20–30 | High 30–40 | Very High 40–50 |