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LAW
Paper 2

Specimen 2016

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer all questions. You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- Questions should be answered in continuous prose. Give reasoned answers. Where appropriate, make references to cases, statutes and examples.

Information
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
The decision in Donoghue v Stevenson established that one person owes a duty of care to which other person?

A  An associate  
B  A neighbour  
C  A partner  
D  A relative  

[1 mark]

Which one of the following does the test in Caparo v Dickman not require the court to ask?

A  Is it just and reasonable to impose a duty?  
B  Was the damage caused reasonably foreseeable?  
C  Was there a relationship of proximity between the two parties?  
D  What are the financial resources of the defendant?  

[1 mark]
Select the one true statement about D’s liability to compensate V for losses resulting from D’s negligence:

A. D will not be liable for losses made more serious by any pre-existing special weakness in V

B. D will be liable to compensate V for all of the losses caused in fact by D

C. D may be liable to compensate V for some, but not all, of the losses

D. D will be liable to compensate V for some, but not all, of the losses caused in law by D

[1 mark]

Alf has been involved in a car accident caused by the negligence of another driver who collided with Alf’s car. Which one of the following can Alf not claim for in an action for negligence against the other driver?

A. Alf’s concern and worry at the distress the accident caused to his wife

B. Alf’s loss of wages caused by his taking six weeks off work to recover from his injuries

C. Damage to Alf’s car

D. Loss of Alf’s shopping which was in the boot of his car

[1 mark]

For the purposes of the Occupiers’ Liability Act 1984, which one of the following is not a trespasser?

A. A burglar

B. A police officer executing a search warrant

C. A hiker who accidentally crosses onto private land

D. A visitor who passes through a door marked ‘Authorised Personnel Only’

[1 mark]
Choose the one option which is not an internal aid to statutory interpretation.

A Explanatory notes
B Punctuation
C Schedules to the act
D The long or short title

[1 mark]

Which one of the following institutions drafts and proposes European Union laws?

A The Commission
B The Council
C The European Court of Justice
D The European Parliament

[1 mark]

In Parliamentary law making, which one of these statements is false?

A Before it becomes law a legislative proposal is called a Bill
B Government Bills and Private Members’ Bills are both kinds of Public Bills
C Law is enacted when both the House of Commons and the House of Lords agree on its terms
D The role of the House of Lords is to scrutinise and amend proposed legislation

[1 mark]
In resolving a negligence case, which one method is likely to be the most expensive?

A  A court case
B  A tribunal case
C  Mediation
D  Negotiation

[1 mark]

Select the one court which can supervise the lawfulness of the conduct of national and local government, of inferior courts and tribunals, and of other public bodies.

A  The Administrative Court
B  The Chancery Division of the High Court
C  The County Court
D  The Family Division of the High Court

[1 mark]
Explain the role of a high court judge in a trial of an action in negligence.

[3 marks]
Beryl intended to hand a cold drink to Callum. Carelessly, she handed Callum a cup containing a very hot drink. When Callum put it to his mouth, he was so startled that his hand jerked involuntarily and some of the hot drink splashed into his eye, causing him severe and permanent damage to his eye.

Beryl broke a duty of care in negligence owed to Callum. Suggest why it is strongly arguable that she would be liable for the full extent of the damage to Callum’s eye.

[3 marks]
There were three steep steps leading up to the front door of Dan’s house. The middle step had partly crumbled. Ewan, Dan’s neighbour, offered to repair the step for him. A week after Ewan did the repair, the step crumbled again when Dan walked down the steps. Dan fell and badly damaged his knee. In total, his losses were estimated at £40 000.

Advise Dan as to his rights and remedies against Ewan in the tort of negligence and assess the alternatives available to him to seek to resolve the dispute.

[12 marks]
Janek supplied and installed washing machines. Whilst installing a new washing machine at Krystyn’s house, he suffered a bad electric shock when he accidentally touched live wires on a loose electric cable which had been damaged during the removal of an old washing machine. The cable was difficult to reach and was located in a dark area of the wall in a confined space. Janek suffered extensive and deep burns to his hand and arm.

Advise Krystyn as to her liability to Janek under the Occupiers’ Liability Act 1957, and assess the contribution of different sources of law to the rules which you have considered.

[12 marks]
In question 15 you are required to provide an extended answer which shows a clear, logical and sustained line of reasoning leading to a valid conclusion.

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Wilson owned extensive grounds which were open to the public. A small river flowed through the grounds. The river was fenced off for most of its length and prominent signs at the entrance to the grounds and at points along the fencing warned visitors not to enter the river. However, it was well known that, from time to time, visitors, especially youths, swung from ropes tied to branches of trees overhanging the river and also swam in the river.

For a dare Zoe, aged 25, swung a long way out over the river on a rope. The rope loosened and Zoe fell into the river. The river was shallow and the river bed was full of large stones. Zoe broke her back and was left paralysed.

Consider Wilson’s liability to compensate Zoe for the injuries which she suffered. [20 marks]
In question 16 you are required to provide an extended answer which shows a clear, logical and sustained line of reasoning leading to a valid conclusion.

1 6 Explain the influences on Parliament in the law-making process and discuss their value to that process. [20 marks]
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