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Public Law

Friday 13 May 2011: 10.00 – 13.15

Candidates will have fifteen minutes during which they may read the paper and make rough notes ONLY in their answer books. They then have the remaining THREE HOURS in which to answer the questions.

Candidates should answer FOUR of the following EIGHT questions.

Candidates should answer all parts of a question unless otherwise stated.
1. By what means and to what extent do laws and conventions achieve an adequate separation of powers between the executive, judiciary and legislature?

2. Discuss the case for a fully elected second chamber in the United Kingdom Parliament.

3. “In the absence of a written constitution, the United Kingdom Parliament is the sovereign law-making power, incapable of limiting its own power or being limited by an external power.”

Discuss.

4. Critically assess the extent to which Parliament and the courts are able to control the exercise of the royal prerogative.

5. Discuss the manner in which the law regulates the electoral system of the House of Commons to achieve:

   (a) equality between candidates standing for elections; and
   
   (b) equality between voters in terms of parliamentary representation.

6. “The right to peaceful democratic protest can never be absolute. The right must be subject to conditions laid down by law and must be balanced against the need for public order.”

Discuss.


8. “…the so-called rules of natural justice are not engraved on tablets of stone. To use the phrase which better expresses the underlying concept, what the requirements of fairness demand when any body, domestic, administrative or judicial, has to make a decision which will affect the rights of individuals depends on the character of the decision-making body, the kind of decision it has to make and the statutory or other framework in which it operates.” (Lord Bridge, Lloyd v McMahon 1987)

Discuss, making reference to case law.