Public Law

Tuesday 12 May 2015: 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.

**Permitted materials**

Students are permitted to bring into the examination room the following specified document: **either** one copy of *Blackstone’s Statutes on Public Law & Human Rights* (OUP) or one copy of *Core Statutes on Public Law & Civil Liberties* (Palgrave Macmillan).
1. Discuss the strength of the arguments for the UK keeping its uncodified constitution.

2. Discuss the extent to which the major offices and institutions of the European Union resemble a ‘balance of powers’ more than a formal ‘separation of powers’.

3. Discuss the extent to which Parliament can control the exercise of prerogative powers.

4. Explain the concepts of ‘procedural fairness’ and ‘natural justice’ and discuss the need for flexibility in applying these concepts.

5. Discuss how the processes of European integration are affecting the UK constitution.

6. Discuss whether a federal system would be much better than the current devolution arrangements for the United Kingdom.

7. Evaluate the effectiveness of the parliamentary procedures by which government ministers are held accountable for decisions, actions and policies of their department.

8. Discuss the purpose and core provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998, and the respects, if any, in which its provisions might be reformed in order to better promote the protection of civil liberties in the UK.

END OF PAPER