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Paper 1 English Legal System **May/June 2026**

1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **seven** questions in total:
  - Section A: answer **all** questions.
  - Section B: answer **two** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

1 Identify **one** intrinsic aid used in statutory interpretation. [1]

2 Identify **two** reasons why a person might not be qualified to be appointed as a magistrate. [2]

3 Explain the **three** grounds in the *Bail Act 1976* that may result in a court refusing bail. [6]

4 Describe **two** key aspects of an adversarial legal system. [6]

5 Discuss the criticisms of delegated legislation. [10]

Section B

Answer **two** questions

6 **(a)** Explain the reforms to the civil justice system following the Woolf report. [10]

(b) Assess the effects of the Woolf reforms. [15]

7 **(a)** Explain, with examples, how mediation and conciliation work as alternative methods of dispute resolution (ADR). [10]

(b) Discuss whether mediation or conciliation is the more effective method for resolving civil disputes. [15]

8 **(a)** Explain how judges are trained. [10]

(b) Assess whether judges can be said to be independent of political bias. [15]

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