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Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level

Monday 11 May 2026

Morning (Time: 3 hours)

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Law

International Advanced Level
PAPER 1: Underlying Principles of Law and the English Legal System

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  – *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions.

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(b) Explain how a moral rule differs from a law.

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(c) Assess the features of the theory of positivism.

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2 (a) Give **one** example of how civil disputes can be settled outside of the court system.

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(b) Explain the jurisdiction of **two** civil courts of first instance.

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(c) Assess the advantages and disadvantages of the processes governing the selection, appointment and removal of judges.

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3 (a) Describe what is meant by judicial precedent.

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(b) Explain the purpose of the 1966 Practice Statement.

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(c) Assess the advantages and disadvantages of judicial precedent.

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4 (a) Describe the role of lay magistrates in summary trials.

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(b) Explain how jurors are selected for service in a Crown Court trial.

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(c) Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using jurors in the criminal justice system.

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5 Evaluate, using examples, the similarities and differences between civil law remedies and criminal law sanctions.

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