

Friday 22 June 2012 – Morning

A2 GCE LAW

G154/01 Criminal Law Special Study

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- Clean copy of the Special Study Material
- 16 page Answer Booklet (sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write the numbers of the questions you answer on the front of your answer booklet.
- You are reminded of the importance of including relevant knowledge from **all** areas of your course, where appropriate, including the English Legal System.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **80**.
- Candidates are reminded of the need to write legibly and in continuous prose, where appropriate. In answering questions **1** and **2** you will be assessed on the quality of your written communication (QWC) including your use of appropriate legal terminology. These questions are marked with an asterisk (*).
- Candidates are reminded that they are able to use the information given in the sources to support their own knowledge and understanding, evaluation, analysis, and application of the law. Where candidates wish to extract from the source in this way they should use quotation marks or accurately cite lines of the source. Candidates who merely 'lift' information from the source materials without using it to support further knowledge, evaluation, analysis or application, will receive little or no credit. You are expected to demonstrate understanding of the area(s) of law and the development of law and to use legal methods and reasoning to analyse legal material, to select appropriate legal rules and apply these in order to draw conclusions.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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In answering questions use the source materials **and** your knowledge of the subject.

Answer **all** questions.

1* Discuss the importance of the decision in *Jones* [Source 3 page 4 Special Study Material] to the development of the law on attempted crimes. [16]

2* In Source 5 and Source 6 the authors suggest that “*it might be thought desirable in the interests of simplicity to require that the mens rea for the attempted offence should be the same as that for the completed offence*” [Source 5 page 6 lines 1-3 Special Study Material] and that the traditional rules on attempting the impossible were “*ludicrous*” [Source 6 page 7 line 6 Special Study Material].

Discuss the extent to which the law on the *mens rea* of attempts **and** the law on attempting the impossible have been developed to the point where they are both simple and sensible. [34]

3 Consider whether or not a conviction for an attempted crime is possible in each of the following situations:

(a) Latifah is out with her friends but is stopped from entering a pub by Douglas, a door supervisor. Angered by this, Latifah tries to smash a beer bottle she is carrying over Douglas’ head. As she takes a swing at him, Douglas ducks to avoid the bottle and Latifah misses him. [10]

(b) Edward is in debt and decides to steal some money from the local bank. He goes to the bank armed with an imitation gun. However, when Edward gets to the bank he finds the door to the bank locked. He realises that it is closed because it is Saturday and the bank does not open on that day. [10]

(c) Jill decides that she is going to break into her neighbour Adil’s house in order to steal his television, which she knows is in Adil’s living room. She opens Adil’s garden gate where she is startled to find his large dog, which begins to bark at her. Frightened by this, she leaves the garden and shuts the gate behind her. [10]

[30]

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