

Public Law

Wednesday 14 May 2025

9.30am to 11.00am

Candidates are required to answer TWO out of four questions.

Question 1

Lady Hale has suggested that the UK has become “a federal state with a Constitution regulating the relationships between the federal centre and the component parts”.

Critically discuss the veracity of this statement with specific reference to the Scotland Act 1998 and the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.

Question 2

Critically discuss the extent to which the decision in *Axa General Insurance v Lord Advocate* [2011] UKSC 46 has resulted in an increase in public interest litigation in Scotland.

Question 3

Critically assess the extent to which the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 has resulted in increased access to justice for Scottish citizens

Question 4

- a) Outline the role, powers and functions of the House of Lords (10)
- b) What further reforms could be made to the second chamber to increase its accountability? (10)

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