



Public Law

Wednesday 6th November 2024

9.30am to 11.00am

Candidates are required to answer TWO out of four questions.

Question 1

“The classic account given by Dicey of the doctrine of the supremacy of Parliament, pure and absolute as it was, can now be seen to be out of place in the modern United Kingdom.”

Lord Steyn in *R (Jackson) v Attorney General* [2005] UKHL 56

Critically discuss the veracity of the statement made by Lord Steyn.

Question 2

Discuss the extent to which the Scotland Act 1998 could be described as a written constitution for Scotland.

Question 3

- a) Outline and discuss the traditional grounds of challenge under which a petition for judicial review might be raised in Scotland.
- b) Critically discuss whether it is fair to describe judicial review as a purely procedural remedy, and, if so, what impact this has upon potential applicants.

Question 4

With specific reference to the declaration of incompatibility, critically discuss the extent to which the Human Rights Act 1998 has either promoted or hindered democratic deliberation about rights in the United Kingdom Parliament.

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