

Public Law

Friday 25 July 2025

09.00 - 12.00

(three hours)

Candidates should answer **THREE** questions **ONLY**.

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Wherever relevant, citation of legal authority is expected.

Question 1

Critically assess the extent to which increased public interest litigation in Scotland has been facilitated by the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014.

Question 2

Critically discuss the extent to which the doctrine of margin of appreciation undermines the universal nature of human rights within the United Kingdom.

Question 3

Discuss the extent to which the decision in R (on the application of Miller) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union [2017] UKSC 5 provides a vital reaffirmation of the doctrine of parliamentary sovereignty.

Question 4

“It is vitally important in a democracy that individual judges and the judiciary as a whole are impartial and independent of all external pressures.”

Outline and discuss the ways in which the independence of the judiciary are preserved within the United Kingdom constitution.

Question 5

Critically discuss the extent to which the sovereignty of the Westminster Parliament undermines the design and operation of the devolution settlement in the United Kingdom.

Question 6

Tribunals in the UK were originally envisioned as informal, accessible forums where individuals could resolve disputes without legalistic barriers. Critically discuss the extent to which recent tribunal reforms have facilitated greater access to justice for potential claimants.

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