



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

EXAMINATIONS OF _____ JULY/AUGUST _____ 2002 _____

CODE AND NAME OF COURSE: LA25A - JURISPRUDENCE

DATE AND TIME:

DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES: This paper has 1 page and 4 questions.

Answer TWO (2) questions. Answers may be confined to the law of any jurisdiction in the Commonwealth Caribbean unless the context indicates otherwise.

1. Explain the relevance, if any, of natural law to the interpretation of Commonwealth Caribbean Constitutions.
2. To what extent does Hart's 'rule of recognition' offer a better explanation than Kelsen's "grundnorm" in respect of the legal validity of an unconstitutional regime?
3. Answer EITHER (a) OR (b)
 - (a) Can there be an objective 'right answer' to legal issues?
 - (b) Is 'social engineering' an adequate basis for law reform?
4. Answer EITHER (a) OR (b)
 - (a) How relevant are the theories of Rawls and Nozick in creating a just society yet preventing abuse of power by the state or by economic forces?
 - (b) "The economic and the historical schools offer opposing explanations of legal relations."

Which of the two is more realistic and practical?

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