

W201 The Individual and the State

Exam questions on Manual 1

Questions from recent past papers can be found in your Assessment Guide.
The topics which questions have included are:

1999

- 1 Royal prerogative
- 2 Legislation / parliamentary sovereignty

2000

- 1 Parliamentary sovereignty and its development
- 2 Collective and individual ministerial responsibility / conventions

2001

- 1 Parliamentary sovereignty, entrenchment and the HRA 1998
- 2 Conventions

2002

- 1 Parliamentary sovereignty, EC law and the HRA 1998
- 2 Judicial independence

2003

- 1 Rule of law
- 2 Power of the prime minister/elective dictatorship

2004

- 1 Parliamentary sovereignty/HRA 1998
- 2 Separation of powers between executive and judiciary

2005

- 1 Written/unwritten constitutions
- 2 Parliamentary sovereignty/manner and form
- 3 Ministerial responsibility

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2006

- 1 Separation of powers
- 2 Parliamentary sovereignty
- 3 Constitutional conventions

2007

- 1 Conventions
- 2 Separation of powers
- 3 Rule of Law

2008

- 1 Royal Prerogative
- 2 Separation of powers
- 3 UK constitution/Human rights

2009

- 1 Parliamentary sovereignty
- 2 Judicial independence
- 3 Rule of law / judicial review

2010

- 1 Parliamentary Sovereignty/EC law and the Human Rights Act
- 2 Judicial review and its relationship with parliamentary sovereignty, the rule of law and the separation of powers
- 3 Wednesbury unreasonableness and proportionality (this was a question on Manual 2)

For the examination you need to be aware:

- 1) You must study **parliamentary sovereignty** and linked topics carefully. This is the most frequently examined area.
- 2) The rule of law and separation of powers are important topics.
- 3) Questions usually include **no** guidance on to how to tackle them (unlike a TMA).
- 4) The questions may not mirror either the subject matter of TMA questions or the way a topic is dealt with in the Manual.

The topics covered in Manual 1 are very fragmented. Subjects like constitutions, rule of law, parliamentary sovereignty and separation of powers are broad areas which you need to know. However you may wish to prepare brief revision notes on some or all of the smaller topics on this list.

Minor Revision Topics from Manual 1

Conventions

Royal prerogative

Independence of the judiciary

Judicial legislation

Can parliament bind its successors?

Sovereignty and entrenchment

Implied repeal

Sovereignty and devolution

Sovereignty and the European Community

Sovereignty and the HRA 1998

Parliamentary control of the executive

Open government - Freedom of Information Act

The relationship of tribunals to Courts and the Executive - Franks Committee

Parliamentary procedure and select committees

Individual ministerial responsibility and the position of the civil service

Delegated legislation

Public interest immunity

Collective responsibility