# HSC hub – Legal Studies

# Examination preparation video supplementary resource

This resource contains supplementary information to support the Legal Studies examination preparation video. The content from each slide is contained below, along with a number of useful links from the NESA website pertaining to the contents within the video.

## Key slide content

### Before the exam day

* Download the HSC Timetable and highlight all of your exams
* Plan your revision schedule to match up with your exams
* Get a good night sleep before each exam. Late nights will harm your performance
* Eat your breakfast
* Make sure you have all of your equipment ready

### Materials

NESA allows the following items for **all** HSC examinations:

* **Black** pen (bring spares!)
* Ruler
* Highlighters
* Pencils (2B)
* Sharpener
* Bottle of water in a clear bottle

### Exam layout

* In Legal Studies, the exam has 3 sections:

1. Multiple Choice (20 marks)
2. Short answer and Extended Response
   1. Part A – Human Rights Short answer (15 marks)
   2. Part B – Crime Extended Response (15 marks)
3. Options-based Extended Responses (50 marks)

* You will have 5 minutes reading time before you begin the 3 hours of writing time

### Section I: Multiple Choice

* Instructions are given at the start of the section and include and indicative time.
* In this section you will be tested on content knowledge and questions may relate to a scenario or example
* Your answer is not marked on the question paper but on a multiple-choice answer sheet attached to the paper

### Let’s look at an example – Section I

2019 – Q4.

Pat does not have a criminal record. He pleads guilty to a charge in the Local Court.

Which of the following is true?

1. Pat is very likely to go to prison.
2. Pat’s case will be heard by a jury.
3. A judge will determine an appropriate penalty.
4. A magistrate will determine an appropriate penalty.

### Section II: Short answer and Extended Response (30 marks):

* Instructions are given at the start of the section and include an indicative time. Read the instruction section carefully.
* Ensure that you answer all questions in Part A. These questions relate to Human Rights and require students to write short responses demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of the content studied
* Part B covers the Crime topic. The question has a clear statement outlining how your response will be assessed. Answers should include relevant case studies, legislation and legal terminology.

### Let’s look at an example – Section II

2019 – Q22

How does the United Nations promote Human Rights?

2019 – Q24

Explain how post-sentencing considerations seek to balance community interests and individual rights and freedoms.

### Section III: Options based Extended Responses (50 marks)

* Instructions are given at the start of the section and include an indicative time.
* A clear statement outlining how answers are assessed is written at the start of the section. Please read this carefully.
* Two questions are provided for each option, however you are asked to attempt only **one** question for each of the options you have studied.
* Your response is written in writing booklets that will be provided at the start of the examination

### Let’s look at an example – Section III

2019 – Q27 (b)

Assess the role of law reform in achieving just outcomes for family members. In your response, refer to at least **one** contemporary issue.

### Ask your teacher

* For other resources for Legal Studies
* How to access past papers and the marking guidelines so you can practice exam responses
* For more hints and tips for your exam and how to study effectively – they are the expert you have access to everyday

## Additional links

* [NESA HSC Exam Packs](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/resources/hsc-exam-papers)
* [Legal Studies Stage 6 Syllabus (2009)](https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/hsie/legal-studies)
* [HSC Exam equipment list](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/exam-equipment-list)
* [HSC Exam Timetable](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable)