

The Legal System

Today's modern societies are underpinned by an effective legal system that is administered and enforced by the laws of its nation. It is adhering to considerations in culture, values and ethics in a community, just processes as well as the ability to adapt and change that create an effective legal system.

Define these Key Terms

Common law Statutory rights Review tribunals Equality and justice
Values and ethics Laws and custom Interest groups Ministerial responsibility
Trade unions Ombudsman Human rights legislation Non-government organisations (NGOs)

Short Answer Questions

1. What is anarchy?
2. How do customs differ from laws?
3. What is interrelationship between law, justice and society?
4. What is a legal process?
5. What does the concept of fairness mean?
6. What roles do courts play in the legal system?
7. How do culture, values and ethics influence the legal system?
8. Name 4 socioeconomically disadvantaged groups in society.
9. What is anti-discrimination legislation?
10. Which individuals in our society may have discretionary powers?

100 Word Responses

Why do people seek the assistance of the Office of the Ombudsman?

What are the discretionary powers of parliamentary committees?

Research Assignment

What is the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)? How does this organisation operate and what is its role within the legal system?