

A Level Law Progress Ladder

Grade	AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles.	AO2: Apply legal rules and principles to given scenarios in order to present a legal argument using appropriate legal terminology.	AO3: Analyse and evaluate legal rules, principles, concepts and issues.
A*	Knowledge is excellent and demonstrates an excellent understanding of relevant legal rules and principles. Excellent selection and use of appropriate legal authority.	There is excellent application of the correct rules and principles to the scenario. An excellent legal argument is presented using appropriate terminology. N.B. A* students are able to canvass credible alternative solutions based on alternative interpretations of the relevant scenario facts, rules and /or principles.	There is excellent analysis and evaluation of legal rules, principles, concepts and issues. A logical, sustained and well-developed line of reasoning is maintained leading to a valid, relevant and substantiated conclusion. N.B. A* students are expected to engage in critical evaluation and are able to see things from a variety of perspectives, considering both the positive and negative aspects of the thesis.
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B	Knowledge is good and demonstrates a good understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles. Good selection and use of relevant legal authority.	There is good analysis of legal rules and principles leading to good application of the correct rules and principles to the scenario. A good legal argument is presented using appropriate terminology.	There is good analysis and evaluation of legal concepts and issues. A sustained and, but not yet fully, developed line of reasoning is established leading to a partially justified conclusion.
C	Knowledge is satisfactory and demonstrates a satisfactory understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles. Satisfactory selection and use of relevant legal authority.	There is satisfactory application of the correct rules and principles to the scenario. A satisfactory legal argument is presented using some appropriate terminology.	There is satisfactory analysis and evaluation of legal concepts and issues. A chain of reasoning starts to develop which leads to a partially justified conclusion.
D	Knowledge is limited and demonstrates a limited understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles. Limited selection and use of relevant legal authority.	There is limited application of the correct rules and principles to the scenario. A limited legal argument is presented using little appropriate terminology.	There is limited analysis and evaluation of legal concepts and issues. Some reasoning is attempted which leads to a limited conclusion.
E	Knowledge is minimal and demonstrates a minimal understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles. Minimal selection and use of relevant legal authority.	There is minimal application of the correct rules and principles to the scenario. A fragmented legal argument is attempted.	There is minimal analysis and evaluation of legal concepts and issues. No chain of reasoning is attempted.