

HSE Global Scholarship Competition - 2021

DEMO VERSION OF COMPETITION ASSIGNMENTS

LAW

11th GRADE

to be completed within 120 minutes

the maximum score is 100 points

I. You can only select one answer (1 point for each correct answer):

Assignment 1.

In terms of its state and territorial organization, the People's Republic of China is established as a:

- a) federation;
- b) unitary state;
- c) confederation;
- d) inter-state association.

Assignment 2.

Which one of the following countries is an absolute monarchy:

- a) United Kingdom;
- b) Jordan;
- c) Saudi Arabia;
- d) Morocco;
- e) Nepal.

Assignment 3.

According to Marxist theory, the state and law constitute:

- a) the base (or substructure) of societal relationships;
- b) the superstructure above societal economic relationships;
- c) all-time satellites of human societies;
- d) the outcome of a social contract.

Assignment 4.

An executive monarchy represents:

- a) a transitional stage from an absolute to parliamentary monarchy (and vice versa);
- b) a form of government where the legislative power is exercised by the monarch, while the executive power is exercised by the parliament;
- c) a state governed by two monarchs;
- d) a mythical abstraction of the Roman pontifices/dualists.

Assignment 5.

As per the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the President of the Russian Federation:

- a) is head of the executive branch;
- b) is head of the legislative branch;
- c) does not belong to any branch;
- d) is head of the judicial branch.

II. Choose all true answers (2 points for a correct answer):

If incorrect answers are given, or if a correct answer is missing, the assignment shall be deemed failed with "0" grade.

Assignment 6.

Sovereignty refers to:

- a) supremacy of state power in a given territory;
- b) independence of state power in external affairs;
- c) full independence of citizens from the decisions of state power;
- d) a concept that became known owing to Jean Bodin's theory.

Assignment 7.

Private law includes:

- a) criminal law;
- b) administrative law;
- c) family law;
- d) civil law;
- d) financial law.

Assignment 8.

The following countries belong to the Continental European law:

- a) Netherlands;
- b) United Kingdom;
- c) France;
- d) Germany;
- e) Austria;
- f) USA.

Assignment 9.

Totalitarian regimes are typically characterized by the following features:

- a) constant imposition of a dominant ideology on the state's population;
- b) ensuring real political pluralism;
- c) use of unlawful methods to combat dissent;
- d) no dominant ideology.

Assignment 10.

A legal system may be comprised of the following components:

- a) branches of law;
- b) branches of legislation;
- c) legal institutions;
- d) agencies.

III. Your answer:

Assignment 11.

A British Airlines plane was on its way from London to Paris. When the aircraft was over the territory of Germany, Austrian citizen Karl Schmidt started a fight with Russian citizen Igor Antonov, caused by a major disagreement about the performance of the Russian national football team. Igor Antonov lost the fight and suffered grievous bodily harm.

Please establish the loci delictus. The legislation of which state would be applicable to bring Mr Schmidt to justice?

The maximum score is 10 points.

Assignment 12.

“Women, as well as persons who have committed crimes before the age of 18, and men who have reached the age of 65 years by the time the court passes judgement, shall not be subject to death penalty” (Part 2, Article 59 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation)

Does the provision of this article in the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation violate the principle of equality of all citizens before the law? Please explain your answer.

The maximum score is 20 points.

Assignment 13.

Please explain the statement: “Moral responsibility can be stricter than legal responsibility.”

The maximum score is 25 points.

Assignment 14.

Please name up to 5 legal issues, which are likely to arise in inter-state and national relations, if all military actions in the future are conducted by robots without the involvement of human beings. Please suggest legal solutions for these issues.

The maximum score is 30 points.
