

<i>To be filled in by the Jury. Please do not make any notes here!</i>					
CODE	I.	II.			TOTAL points
	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
	Max 50	Max 15	Max 15	Max 20	Max 100

LAW

**11th Grade
Variant 2**

To be completed within 120 minutes
Maximum score – 100 points

I. Task 1. Write an essay on the topic proposed below. In your essay, make sure to provide nuanced answers to the questions under the text. (maximum score – 50 points)

Read an excerpt from a poem by Vladimir Vysotsky:

«Зачем нам врут:
«Народный суд»! -
Народу я не видел, -
Судье простор,
И прокурор
Тотчас меня обидел».

"We have been lied to by the rotten lot.
There ain't no people
In the People's Court.
And where the judge has the upper hand,
You'll be found guilty
Without end".

Vladimir Vysotsky

Do you agree with this statement? Use legal arguments to support your standpoint. Give examples of legal restrictions which are in place to prevent the abuse of power by the judge and prosecutor in the course of a trial. Explain how people can legally influence the judicial staff composition and court decisions; give relevant examples.

An essay is a small piece of writing in a free format focused on a specific topic and showing the author's opinions and line of thought concerning the questions raised.

Requirements to essays:

- 1. Length – 300 to 500 words.**
- 2. Your text must include answers to all the questions supported by relevant arguments.**
- 3. You can use the knowledge in the field of law, sociology, and social studies to argue your position. Mundane arguments, as well as examples bearing no relation to law and the legal side of the problem in question, will not be taken into consideration.**

II. Carefully read the texts in Tasks 2, 3, and 4. Please don't forget to answer all questions under the texts.

Task 2. *(maximum score – 15 points)*

Give three examples from the personal life of an individual where, in your opinion, legal regulation would be superfluous and can infringe one's rights. Use legal arguments to justify your answer. Do you think that legal regulation is not required in certain areas of human life? Assess the negative aspects of the rule of law in terms of human rights and freedoms.

Task 3. *(maximum score – 15 points)*

Read the definition below and find all errors. Justify your answer. (maximum score – 15 points for all errors found; the points for each error depend on their total number.)

Plutocracy is a form of government where the power is in the hands of a relatively small group of people (the rich, the military, the political elite, the ruler's relatives) whose formal privileges over the rest of the population are fixed in the law but who cannot directly affect the ruler elections. In a plutocratic state, citizens can directly exercise their right to make political decisions.

Task 4. (maximum score – 20 points)

Judge S.I. Nesmiyan states the following in the Ruling of the Arbitration Court of the City of Saint Petersburg and the Leningrad Region, dated April 7, 2008, Case No. A56-6546/2008¹: "At the celebratory meeting held to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Supreme Court of Russia, Dmitry Medvedev, the elected President of the Russian Federation, said that "...legal nihilism is a major setback on the way to progress in Russia. Total disregard for laws does not appear out of thin air... There is a direct link between our legal culture and the quality of laws and law enforcement on behalf of state bodies and officials." Therefore, the Arbitration Court shall be guided by the legal doctrine proclaimed by the elected President when choosing the principles for the hearing of this case."

Define "legal doctrine" and explain its legal meaning. Can a judge be guided by the opinion voiced by the head of the state regarding the legal doctrine? What are the ways to avoid legal nihilism in a state which has thousands of pieces of legislation?

¹ Ruling of the Arbitration Court of the City of Saint Petersburg and the Leningrad Region, dated April 7, 2008, Case No. A56-6546/2008. URL (in Russian): <https://kad.arbitr.ru/Card/0f55c421-9ebb-4a64-91a3-9806de3e74e6>

