

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL AS & A LEVEL

Law 9084

Assessment Overview

Examinations 2026, 2027 and 2028

How the qualification is assessed

The table shows the papers and components described for this syllabus. AS candidates take the designated AS components; the full A Level includes the additional components shown. A component's raw mark is the total available on that assessment; its weighting is the share of the qualification result, which may differ from its share of raw marks.

Paper or component	Duration	Raw marks	Weighting	Question or task structure
1: English Legal System	1 h 30 min	75	AS 50%; A 25%	Compulsory Section A; two of three two-part questions in B
2: Criminal Law	1 h 30 min	60	AS 50%; A 25%	Compulsory source scenario; one of two questions in B
3: Law of Contract	1 h 30 min	75	A 25%	One of two problems and two of three essays
4: Law of Tort	1 h 30 min	75	A 25%	One of two problems and two of three essays

Read the weighting against your qualification route. A longer paper or a larger raw-mark total does not automatically mean a greater final weighting. Prepare for every component that applies to you, including practical, oral or coursework requirements where specified.

What each component requires

The AS Level assessment consists of two papers.

Paper One, English Legal System, lasts one hour and thirty minutes and is worth seventy-five marks. Section A contains four compulsory short-answer questions and one compulsory extended response. In Section B, you answer two essays from a choice of three, with each essay divided into two parts.

Paper Two, Criminal Law, also lasts one hour and thirty minutes and is worth sixty marks. Section A is a compulsory, three-part scenario question based on source material supplied in the paper. In Section B, you answer one question from a choice of two, consisting of a short response and an essay.

Each of these papers contributes fifty per cent of AS Level, or twenty-five per cent of the full A Level.

A Level candidates also take Paper Three, Law of Contract, and Paper Four, Law of Tort. Each lasts one hour and thirty minutes, carries seventy-five marks and contributes twenty-five per cent of the A Level. In each paper, you answer one scenario-based problem from a choice of two, followed by two essays from a choice of three.

You may take AS Level as a standalone qualification, complete the A Level in stages by carrying forward an eligible AS result, or take all four papers together in one examination series.

AS Level grades range from lowercase a to e, while the full A Level is graded from A-star to E.

Preparing the right kind of response

For a problem question, identify the issue, explain the relevant principle, apply it carefully to the facts and reach a supported conclusion. For an essay, organise the discussion around the issue asked and evaluate the law using appropriate authority. A list of cases without explanation is insufficient.

The assessment objectives are visible in the response itself: relevant knowledge, appropriate use of the stimulus or task, a clear method or explanation, and a conclusion where requested. The command word and mark allocation help show the depth required. An answer should respond to the actual question, not reproduce a memorised passage that only partly fits.

Timing and examination arrangements

Begin preparation with accurate, untimed work, then move towards the duration and conditions of your required component. Use mark allocations to guide pacing while allowing time to read instructions and check the response. Any practice pacing advice is study guidance, not a new Cambridge time rule.

Examinations are available in both the June and November series, and private candidates may enter.

An approved examination centre confirms entries, available component options, deadlines and any practical or speaking arrangements. Preparation-course access does not itself constitute an examination entry.

Key pointers: Know your required components, follow question choices precisely and practise the relevant response formats. **Next:** Open **Learning Resources** to see which materials support this preparation.