**Performance Standards for Stage 2 Legal Studies**

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|  | **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** |
| **Knowledge and Understanding** | **1****2****3** | **Comprehensive** knowledge and **perceptive** understanding of relevant influences on the Australian legal system.**Comprehensive** knowledge and **astute** understanding of legal principles, processes, and structures. **Perceptive** recognition and understanding of ways in which the Australian legal system responds to diverse groups in the community. | **Detailed** knowledge and **well-considered** understanding of relevant influences on the Australian legal system.**Detailed** knowledge and **well-considered** understanding of legal principles, processes, and structures. **Thoughtful** recognition and understanding of ways in which the Australian legal system responds to diverse groups in the community. | **Appropriate** knowledge and **considered** understanding of relevant influences on the Australian legal system.**Appropriate** knowledge and **considered** understanding of legal principles, processes, and structures. **Considered** recognition and understanding of ways in which the Australian legal system responds to diverse groups in the community. | **Some** recognition and awareness of one or more influences on the Australian legal system.**Some** awareness of legal principles, processes, or structures.**Some** recognition of ways in which the Australian legal system responds to diverse groups in the community. | **Limited** awareness of influences on the Australian legal system.**Limited** awareness of any legal principles, processes, or structures.**Emerging** awareness of one or more ways in which the Australian legal system responds to diverse groups in the community. |
| **Inquiry** | **1****2** | **Astute** and **critical** location, selection, documentation, and application of relevant sources.**Incisive** critique of legal processes and structures, with **well-informed** and **well-considered** recommendations for change. | **Considered** and **critical** location, selection, documentation, and application of relevant sources.**Convincing** critique of legal processes and structures, with **informed** and **considered** recommendations for change. | **Considered** location, selection, documentation, and application of relevant sources.**Competent** critique of legal processes and structures, with **some** informed and **considered** recommendations for change. | **Some** thought given to the location, selection, documentation, and/or application of sources.**Basic** consideration of some legal processes and structures, with **simple** recommendations for change. | **Attempted** location, selection, documentation, or application of sources that may be relevant.**Limited** awareness of legal processes or structures. |
| **Analysis and Evaluation** | **1****2****3** | **Comprehensive** analysis of the Australian legal, constitutional, and justice systems.**Perceptive** analysis of principles, processes, and structures in legal systems.**Perceptive** evaluation of legal issues or concepts through discussion and illustration of opposing arguments to reach an informed conclusion. | **Detailed** analysis of the Australian legal, constitutional, and justice systems.**Well-considered** analysis of principles, processes, and structures in legal systems.**Thoughtful** evaluation of legal issues or concepts through discussion and illustration of opposing arguments to reach an informed conclusion. | **Informed** analysis of the Australian legal, constitutional, and justice systems.**Considered** analysis of principles, processes, and structures in legal systems.**Considered** evaluation of legal issues or concepts through discussion and illustration of opposing arguments to reach a conclusion. | **Some** consideration of analysis of the Australian legal, constitutional, and justice systems.**Superficial** consideration of principles, processes, and structures in legal systems.**Some** consideration of legal issues or concepts through discussion and description of some arguments. | **Brief** description of an aspect of analysis of the Australian legal, constitutional, and justice systems.**Brief** description of one or more principles, structures, or processes in legal systems.**Limited** consideration of a legal issue or concept through observation of a discussion. |
| **Communication** | **1****2****3** | **Consistently accurate** and **coherent** communication of highly informed observations and opinions on contemporary legal issues and debates, using different forms.**Appropriate** and **astute** use of legal terminology, indicating **in-depth** understanding.**Consistent and appropriate** acknowledgment of a diverse range of sources. | **Mostly accurate** and **coherent** communication of well-informed observations and opinions on contemporary legal issues and debates, using different forms.**Appropriate** and **well-considered** use of legal terminology, indicating **some depth** in understanding.**Mostly consistent and appropriate** acknowledgment of a range of sources. | **Generally accurate** and **coherent** communication of informed observations and opinions on contemporary legal issues and debates, using different forms.**Appropriate** and **considered** use of legal terminology, indicating **competent** understanding.**Mostly** **appropriate** acknowledgment of sources. | **Some** accuracy in communication of basic observations or opinions on contemporary legal issues or debates, in one or more forms. **Some** use of legal terminology, indicating **awareness** of the need for appropriate use.**Some** inconsistent acknowledgment of sources. | **Limited** accuracy in communication through a selected form, with few observations or opinions on contemporary legal issues. **Restricted** use of legal terminology, indicating **limited** awareness of the need for appropriate use.**Limited** acknowledgment of sources. |