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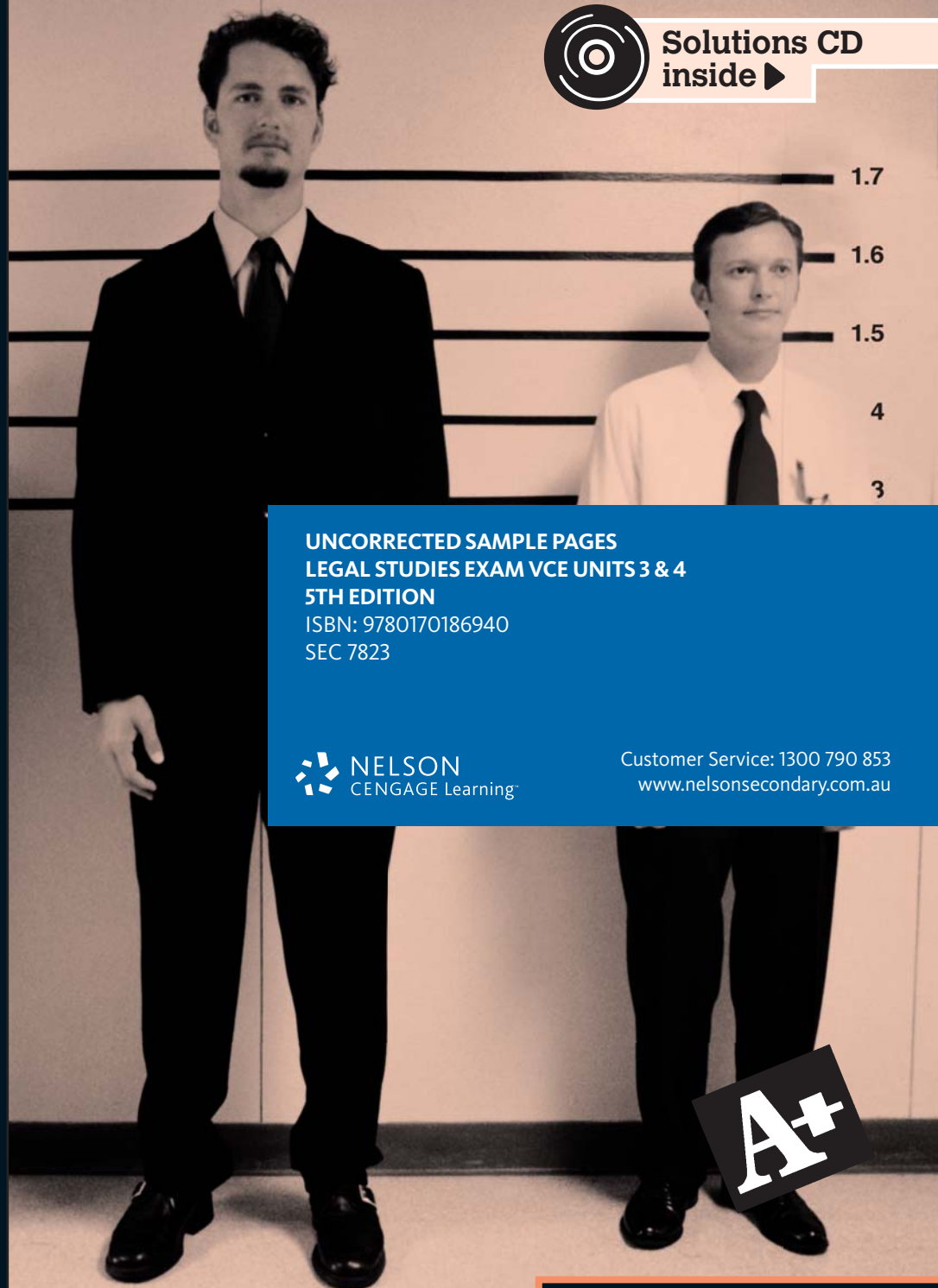
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3	50	Unit 3 Area of Study 2	6	The division of powers. Restrictions imposed by the Constitution. Referendum. Role of the High Court in interpreting the Constitution. Significance of High Court cases and their impact. Referral of law-making power.
4	50	Unit 3 Area of Study 2	11	Constitutional protection of rights. High Court cases on Constitutional protection. Comparison with the approach adopted for the constitutional protection of democratic and human rights.
5	50	Unit 3 Area of Study 3	15	Role of the courts as law-makers. The doctrine of precedent. Statutory interpretation. Strengths and weaknesses of law-making through the courts. Relationship between courts and parliament in law-making.
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9	60	Unit 4 Area of Study 2	34	Effective operation of the legal system. Adversary system of trial – features, evaluation, comparison with inquisitorial system, reforms. Criminal pre-trial procedure and criminal sanctions.
10	60	Unit 4 Area of Study 2	39	Civil pre-trial procedure and civil remedies. Juries – role, composition, evaluation, reforms and alternatives. Problems and difficulties faced by individuals in using the legal system. Changes in the legal system to enhance its effective operation.
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Collectively, these 13 practice examinations provide around 21 hours of preparation.

b Suggest reasons why Victoria may have decided to refer its law-making powers on workplace relations to the Commonwealth Parliament.

2 marks

Answer:

c Provide an example of another area of law-making power that has been referred to the Commonwealth by Victoria.

1 mark

Answer:

d Suggest weaknesses or problems that could arise from states referring law-making powers to the Commonwealth.

3 marks

Answer:

1 + 2 + 1 + 3 = 7 marks

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