

## Law 12

### Chapter 3 Essay

Select one of the topics below.

Your paper should be typed, double-spaced, and in a standard font and font size (i.e. Times New Roman size 12). It should be 1-2 pages long.

- a. Do you favour more autonomy for Native peoples, or do you favour their assimilation into Canadian society? Express your opinion and justify your answer with examples.
- b. "The state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation." This statement was made by Pierre Elliot Trudeau in December 1967. At the same time, he was Justice Minister responding to the criticism that he was making divorce too easy. Evaluate the significance of this quotation. Do you agree with it? Why or why not? Trudeau's remark can be applied to a number of issues today. Identify these issues and comment on the extent to which you think this statement should hold true.
- c. Civil disobedience (deliberately breaking the law to draw attention to an unfair situation) has been used by many groups. In the early 1900s in Britain, suffragettes chained themselves to buildings, fought with police, went on hunger strikes, and were imprisoned and force-fed. To what extent should the police have the power to limit peaceful civil disobedience? What special training should police have to effectively deal with individuals who are practising civil disobedience? Does breaking the law sometimes advance the cause of justice or does it always act contrary to justice? Provide specific examples. (Think of the civil rights demonstrations against racial prejudice in the United States.)