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SCHEME: LLB

MODULE TITLE: Introduction to Constitutional and
Administrative Law

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Assessment criterion	Applicable to this CW (✓)
STRUCTURE Discussion relevant to topic Depth of coverage relevant to topic	✓
ARGUMENT Accuracy of presentation of law Accuracy of presentation of evidence Application of law to facts Development of argument Critical analysis Critical evaluation Relationship of conclusion to argument	✓
ORIGINALITY Originality and creativity of thought	
STYLE Fluency of writing Ability to write	
PRESENTATION Legibility	✓
MECHANICS Grammar Spelling	✓
SOURCES Range of sources used <i>NB You must make proper use of foot/endnotes and compile a clear bibliography</i>	✓

Key skills being assessed in this assessment	(where applicable)
Managing and Developing Self	✓
Working with and relating to others	
Communication and Literacy	✓
Managing tasks and solving problems	✓
Numeracy	
Computing and IT Skills	

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**The Assignment Question starts on the
next page.**

**CANDIDATES SHOULD ANSWER
EITHER PART A
OR PART B**

But not both

PART A

Detective Constables Richard and Judy are engaged in investigating a burglary at Spreadsheets, a firm of accountants. Amongst other things, a large number of accountancy text books were stolen. A member of staff at Spreadsheets suggests that Agatha, a former secretary/employee who left under a cloud of suspicion several months earlier might be involved. Agatha now works for Ledger Accountants as a secretary. Richard and Judy question Agatha at the offices of Ledger Accountants, search the offices and investigate the contents of Agatha's handbag.

Having been told that she will only be kept a few minutes, Agatha agrees to accompany Richard and Judy to the police station. On the way to the police station, Richard, Judy and Agatha drive past the house where Agatha lives with her boyfriend Chris. Agatha asks if she can pick up some belongings from the house. Richard and Judy agree and then accompany Agatha to the house where they see a shelf full of accountancy text books which they conclude have been stolen from Spreadsheets. Agatha explains to them that the books belong to her boyfriend Chris who is an accountancy student. Richard and Judy do not believe her and take the books to the police station, where Agatha is held for questioning for forty eight hours.

Whilst Agatha is being held in custody, Richard and Judy return to, and park a short way from, Agatha's house and wait for Chris to return to the house. As Chris approaches the house they note that he is carrying a plastic bag which appears to contain books. They decide to question him and intercept him at the front door of the house. They inform him that they suspect that he might be in possession of stolen goods and search the bag which they then discover contains accountancy text books. They also search the pockets of his jacket, discovering a small packet of cannabis. Richard and Judy inform him that he has to accompany them to the police station and seize both the cannabis and the bag of text books. They then take Chris to the police station where he is subsequently charged with possession of a class C drug. Agatha is eventually released without charge.

With reference to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (as amended) advise Agatha and Chris as to the legality of action taken by Richard and Judy.

Your answers should be fully supported by relevant case law.

PART B

Pursuant to the Health Act 2006, the Welsh Assembly introduces legislation to prohibit “**smoking in all enclosed places to which the public have access**” anywhere in Wales. The offence carries a £2,500 fixed penalty fine.

Two friends, Bev and Kev are incensed by the scope of the prohibition. They decide to form “**The Smoking Alliance Cymry**” (SAC). Kev set up a web site for SAC. Three days before the ban was due to come into force, Bev and Kev decided to stage a protest march through Cardiff City Centre on day one of the prohibition, followed by a protest rally in front of the Welsh Assembly building. The protest rally was announced on the SAC web site. The web-site contained a poster advertising the event and invited readers to print the poster out and publicise the event.

On the appointed day several hundred people responded to the advert and gathered at the pre-arranged meeting place in the City Centre. A heavy police presence was evident. As Bev and Kev started to marshal the crowd together for the march Bev was approached by PC Correct, who asked her who she was. She told him “**I am Bev, he is Kev, we are SAC**”. Bev was promptly informed that she was “**Nicked**.” Bev put up a short struggle but gave up and was taken into custody and taken to the Central Police Station. After three hours Bev was charged with resisting arrest and breaching s11 Public Order Act 1986. Bev was then released.

In the meantime Kev was ordered by PC Correct to tell the crowd to disperse. Using a megaphone he announced to the crowd that the police had ordered him to cancel the march. He thanked them for their support and asked them to disperse. However, Charlie, the leader of another protest group calling themselves “**Smokers4Justice**”, using a loudhailer, invited the crowd to march to the Welsh Assembly and stage a “**Smoke In.**”

PC Correct then said to Kev “**You planned all this, but don’t imagine we are going to let you get away with it.**” PC Correct then searched Kev, found a packet of cigarettes in his pocket and said to him “**If you think you can smoke in the Assembly you have another thing coming. You can come with me. You won’t be needing these [i.e. the cigarettes] any more.**” Kev was then taken to the police station where he was held for three hours before being released without charge. He has not had his cigarettes returned to him.

Charlie led the crowd in a frantic rush towards the Assembly Building barging and pushing passers by out of the way. Fred, an old age pensioner, was so frightened that he suffered a fit. He received paramedic treatment before being admitted to hospital for over-night for supervision.

Massed ranks of police blocked entry to the building, so Charlie stood on a low wall and started to address the crowd. PC Correct ordered Charlie to disperse the crowd and arrested him when he refused to do so.

A group of SAC supporters gathered at the home of Bev later that day to have a smoke and discuss the day's events. The police entered the house, announced that since a public meeting was being held in an enclosed place everyone who was smoking was guilty of an offence. Bev and Kev, who were smoking at the time were re-arrested. The police then searched the property and seized printed material that urged smokers to ignore the smoking prohibition.

Advise Bev, Kev and Charlie respectively in respect of issues arising out of the above scenario.

Your answers should be fully supported by relevant case law.