

Statement A: Evgeny will **not** succeed with the defence of loss of self control because he does not attack Marianna immediately.

Statement B: Evgeny will **not** succeed with a defence of loss of self control because Marianna only laughs at him.

- 8** Marianna and Evgeny are students in the same accounting class. Every week Evgeny struggles to get his accounts right and Marianna always laughs at him. Marianna's behaviour makes Evgeny feel so depressed that his doctor sends him for counselling. Evgeny decides to punish Marianna for laughing at him. The next time Evgeny struggles with his accounts Marianna laughs at him again. When the class ends Evgeny grabs Marianna and punches her in the head several times. Marianna dies of a brain haemorrhage (internal bleeding).

Evaluate the accuracy of **each** of the four statements A, B, C, and D individually, as they apply to the facts in the above scenario. Start your answer on **page 18** of the Answer Booklet.

Statement C: Evgeny will succeed with a defence of loss of self control because his actions were understandable for someone in his situation.

Statement D: Evgeny will succeed with the defence of diminished responsibility.