Why use flash cards?

Flash cards are widely regarded as one of the most effective ways to study and retain information. This is because:

- Flash cards engage ‘active recall’ through repetition. Using flash cards promotes remembering a concept from scratch as opposed to trying to memorise a passage from a textbook.
- Flash cards provide immediate feedback and self-reflection. This will provide you with the ability to quickly check your answer with the correct answer to determine whether you were correct, or whether you need to spend more time understanding the subject matter.
- Flash cards provide for confidence-based study. As flash cards do not follow a strict order, you are free to mix them up and add your own notations. If you are very confident with certain areas, they can be separated to concentrate on areas or questions that may need further work.

Method

The following series of flash cards present 50 questions and answers in a table format, with up to five cards per page. The questions are provided in the left column with the corresponding answers in the right column. Print the document and then cut each card following the bold border. Once cut, each card should be folded vertically along the central dotted line and glued or taped to form a single double-sided flash card.

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Q1: What is administrative law?

Answer: Administrative law is the law that concerns challenging decisions made by the government, or government authorities. It is designed to ensure that the government does not exceed its power.

Q2: What are the accountability mechanisms of administrative law?

Answer: The main accountability measures are:
- Accountability to parliament via question time, tabled reports and parliamentary committees.
- Internal review of departments by tribunals and the ombudsman.
- Judicial review through the court.
- Information access through the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Cth).

Q3: What is merits review?

Answer: Merits review is where a person re-makes a decision, exercising the same powers as the original decision maker.

Q4: What is judicial review?

Answer: Judicial review is where a court, exercising the judicial power, decides if a decision was made according to law.