

# Legal Profession Admission Board

March 2023

## Legal Ethics

### Examiner's comments

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The exam was comprised of four (4) compulsory questions.

The number of questions permitted the examiners to cover many of the topics in the course without necessarily retracing the substantive issues covered by the compulsory assignment (which was worth 20% of a candidate's overall subject mark).

The first question was on a specific topic and required candidates to not only be familiar with that topic but to also be able to explain it and its application to a specific scenario.

The second question covered a specific aspect of the course. Students were required to deal with both the common law and statutory provisions which covered same so as to indicate a well-grounded knowledge of it.

Question three dealt with a short fact situation which covered a number of issues which had been raised in the course. Students were required to have a good grounding of both the common law and the relevant Rules and apply them to the facts so as to explore the practitioner's behavior.

The final question raised the *dicta* of the Court in two major cases dealing with specified responsibility of a practitioner – students were required to explain what those judgments said on the topic with a good answer accommodating that summary into the present statutory law.

The examiners had an expectation that in order to properly deal with the examination, candidates would have familiarized themselves with the entirety of the coursework – especially the assigned reading. Additional reading was always encouraged.

It was pleasing to note that the great majority of candidates had a very good grasp of the topics covered by the course and the subject of the examination questions.

105 candidates sat for the examination with a pass rate of xx% (as compared to xx% last semester). This was a notable reversal in the failure rate and very pleasing to the examiners given that the exam was, in their view, not too dissimilar in its level of difficulty from the previous one.

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