Examiner’s Comments

The exam comprised four compulsory questions in an closed book format. All questions required students to give advice having regard to factual scenarios.

Most candidates answered the four questions in accordance with the instructions. Overall, responses were reasonable, and it was pleasing to see that three students received a High Distinction while six others received a Credit. Better responses clearly applied the relevant law to the factual scenario presented.

No student failed, however, some students answered some questions in considerable detail and made only a minor attempt at the other questions. This appeared to reflect the fact that some students did not allocate sufficient time to properly attempt all four questions or did not read or understood the question, rather than a lack of understanding of the course materials. Examination conditions can be stressful, but carefully reading the question, time management and consistency of response are equally important during the examination.

Although most candidates presented their answers in a clear and legible way, the handwriting of some candidates was difficult to read. Students can only be marked on those parts of their papers which are legible.