

# Legal Profession Admission Board

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## Criminal Law and Procedure

### Examiner's comments

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#### **General Comments:**

Most students demonstrated impressive and generally very adequate responses, as evidenced by the high range of marks awarded. Key traits of exemplary responses included thorough coverage of all relevant criminal liability issues, citation of pertinent case law and statutory provisions, and the application of legal principles to the facts using clear and concise language.

#### **Common problems and mistakes:**

Several common issues were noted:

- Partial responses to questions.
- Dependence on course materials without contextual application of legal principles to the facts.
- Lack of clarity in expression.

As well, some students did not complete the entire exam and this unfortunately reflected in poor marks being awarded. However, many of these students still managed to gain high marks for the questions that were answered. These students therefore showed potential and are advised to persevere and reflect on these points:

- You can certainly help improve performance in future exams.
- Time management and clarity of expression are also crucial aspects to consider.
- It's essential to not only grasp the legal principles, but also apply them effectively to the given facts.

#### **Exam self-evaluation - Take-aways for students:**

For self-evaluation, students are also advised to:

- Verify addressing each point within questions.
- Confirm identification and application of appropriate legal principles.
- Provide ample support for arguments with accurate citations.
- Conclude each issue and response appropriately.
- Ensure adequate preparation and focus on critical thinking.
- Prioritize, analysis and evaluation over mere restatement of facts and lecture content.

Finally, students are recommended to reach a conclusion on each issue identified and at the end of each response.