

**Legal Profession Admission Board**

**September 2023**

**Criminal Law and Procedure**

**Examiner's comments**

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**General Comments**

The quality of the answers of most students was very impressive and, in most cases, adequate, as reflected in the range of marks.

**Characteristics of better responses:**

- Addressed all the key relevant criminal liability issues in all of the questions rather than just part of the questions
- Referred to relevant case authorities for propositions of law and referred to relevant statutory provisions.
- Applied the legal principles to the facts and used clear and concise language.

**Common problems and mistakes:**

- Only answered part of the question.
- Included extracts of course materials without applying the relevant legal principles to the facts. Mere repetition of course materials does not demonstrate knowledge of applicable legal principles or the ability to explain how such principles apply to the facts of the problem.
- Lacked clarity of language.

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

Students are encouraged to consider the following points:

- Did I manage the time well?
- Did I answer all required questions?
- Did I address each point in each question?
- Did I identify and apply the right legal principles?
- Did I offer sufficient support to each argument and cite correct authorities?
- Did I reach a conclusion on each issue identified and at the end of each response?
- Did I acquire enough knowledge in the course and considered it sufficiently prior to exam to be able to focus on critical thinking of each issue while responding to exam questions?
- Did I focus on analysis, synthesis and evaluation rather than restatement of facts and information presented in the lectures and course materials?
- Where was my knowledge of this subject deficient?