

LEGAL PROFESSION ADMISSION BOARD

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE MARCH 2021 EXAMINERS COMMENTS

The exam was an open book exam. There were 4 problem questions. The questions were designed to cover most of the course topics, although not all topics were components of the exam questions.

Each question was worth 20 marks. The total mark of the student was calculated by adding the examination marks to the assignment mark (the assignment was also a problem question worth 20 marks).

146 students sat the exam.

The highest total mark was 82.

More than 90% of the students who sat the exam passed the course.

The quality of the answers was consistent with previous semesters. Most students identified in their answers the major issues to be discussed. Students who obtained higher marks did so because they discussed in detail how the elements of the topics discussed applied to the facts of the problem question. Students who did little more than identify the elements of offences and defences without discussing in detail how each element applied to the facts of the problem question obtained lower marks.

Most students managed their time appropriately and attempted all of the questions. Some students did not manage their time effectively and answered some of the questions in detail but failed to answer a question.

Most students structured their answers using headings and paragraphs, which gave their answers clarity.

Overall, the manner in which the majority of students answered the questions displayed that they had adequately prepared for the exam and comprehended the course topics.

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APRIL 2021.