

Legal Profession Admission Board
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Equity
Examiner's comments

1. As in past examinations, students were advised that all topics covered in the course were examinable. The examination paper consisted of one compulsory question worth 40% of the final mark. Students also had to do 2 further questions from a choice of 4 questions which together were worth 40% of the final mark. The remaining 20% of the final mark came from the compulsory assignment for the course. The examination contained a compulsory question to ensure that students covered all the materials in the course when preparing for the examination.

2. The examination questions were, except for part of one of the non-compulsory questions, problem style questions in which students were asked to give advice to one of the persons involved in the question. In other words, they were asked to play out the role of a legal practitioner.

3. In answering the questions, the quality of answers varied. Those that did well did so because they were able to correctly identify the issues raised by the problem questions. Poor marks in answering particular questions generally flowed from raising the wrong issues. In a few number of cases, students may have raised the right issue but either did not detail the relevant legal principle at all or did so poorly. For example, the answer may have said the question raised the issue of equitable estoppel, but did not at all or incorrectly set out the elements of equitable estoppel.

4. As the examination was a confidential examination, these comments cannot identify the specific issues in the questions.

5. 137 students completed the examination. 10 (7.3 %) received Pass with Distinction grade. 31 (22.63%) received a Pass with Merit grade. 71 (51.82%) received a Pass grade. 25 (18.25%) failed the course. These results were generally in line with the results for the previous session.