

Legal Profession Admission Board

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Commercial Transactions

Examiner's comments

1. Hallmarks of Outstanding Responses:

- Precision and Logic: Top-performing students exhibited critical and methodical thinking beyond just reciting textbook definitions.
- Attention to Detail: Top-performing students recognised that slight variations in legal facts can significantly alter legal outcomes.
- In-depth Case Knowledge: Top-performing students demonstrated a deep understanding of case law, identifying nuances and drawing relevant connections to the problem scenarios.

2. Prevalent Shortcomings:

- Surface-level Understanding: Many students had only a foundational grasp of the topics. In law, a superficial understanding is inadequate.
- Grammatical and Punctuation Errors: Many students made these errors. While some leniency is given during exams, precise linguistic expression is vital in law.
- Confusing Eloquence with Accuracy: A well-phrased answer is valuable, but it's worth diminishing without accuracy and relevance. Some students equated eloquent expression with genuine substance.

3. Reflections for Future Endeavours:

- Aim for Deep Learning: Pursue more than just a basic understanding. Law requires genuine comprehension, precision in thought, and articulate expression.

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