

# Legal Profession Admission Board

March 2023

Succession

Examiner's comments

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## General observations:

1. As the examination was a confidential examination, these comments cannot identify the specific issues in the questions. The examination covered the majority of course topics; including topics covered in the compulsory assignment.
  2. The examination contained 5 questions in total, with candidates having to answer any 4 of those questions. Each of the 4 questions was worth 20 marks. The questions ranged from factual based scenarios to short answer questions; which allowed for the variety of topics to be covered. Each question either contained a longer answer question together with multiple short answer questions; or alternatively, a series of shorter answer questions. Each question had a breakdown of marks, and each candidate was required to answer the question they attempted in full.
  3. In answering the questions, the candidates generally displayed an understanding of the course content. Some general observations appear below:
    - a. Most answers were reflective on the candidates having sufficient knowledge of the legislation. More emphasis could have been placed on case law to show a more thorough knowledge, particularly in the answers to the longer questions.
    - b. Most candidates appeared to read and understand the questions being asked. Careful reflection on what is being asked/what is in the facts, should be considered before starting to attempt the answers.
    - c. Most candidates seemed to manage their time well and the longer questions (which attracted more marks) were reflective of good time management in the exam and an understanding of the course materials. There were a few candidates who ran out of time to fully complete all 4 questions required.
  4. Out of the 37 candidates who sat the examination, 34 received an examination mark of 40 or above (out of a possible 80 marks). The highest mark awarded for the examination was 72.
  5. The overall course marks this semester saw thirteen students receive a Pass, fourteen students receive a Pass Merit, and seven students receive a Pass Distinction. Three students failed the course. The highest course mark was 88. Overall, marks awarded for the course were reflective on the examination results.
  6. The course this semester was run in-person with two weekend schools to allow for students outside the Sydney Metropolitan area to attend lectures. The examination was largely completed online, with only a small number of students completing the examination in person.
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