

## **Legal Profession Admission Board**

**March 2021**

**Family Law**

### **Examiner's comments**

Candidates were expected to be conversant with commentary and lecture materials in relation to all eleven topics covered in the Law Extension Committee's subject guide together with the scholarly literature, decided cases and statutes.

The exam comprised four compulsory questions in an open book format. All questions required students to give advice having regard to various factual scenarios. Each scenario raised issues relevant to topics covered in the subject guide.

Twenty three candidates sat the examination. Most candidates answered the four questions in accordance with the instructions. Final marks were in the range 53% to 82%. Overall, responses were reasonable. Four candidates were awarded a Pass Distinction grade; eight candidates were awarded a Pass Merit grade; and eleven candidates were awarded a Pass grade. Better responses clearly applied the relevant law to the factual scenario presented. The final marks and grades were generally consistent with past examinations.

No candidate failed, however, some candidates answered some questions in considerable detail and made only a minor attempt at the other questions. This appeared to reflect the fact that some candidates did not allocate sufficient time to properly attempt all four questions or did not read or understand the question, rather than a lack of understanding of the course materials. Examination conditions can be stressful, but carefully reading the question, time management and consistency of response are equally important during the examination.

Although most candidates presented their answers in a clear and legible way, the handwriting of some candidates was difficult to read. Candidates can only be marked on those parts of their papers which are legible.

