

## **Legal Profession Admission Board**

**March 2021**

### **Intellectual Property**

#### **Examiner's comments**

##### **General observations**

As in past examinations, all topics in the course were covered in the examination questions (except Trade Marks, which was the focus of the assignment). Patents and Copyrights were given more weight than Designs and Confidential Information because they were covered more extensively during the lectures.

It was the expectation of the examiner that candidates would be familiar with the relevant statutes and leading authorities for each topic. In answering the questions, candidates generally displayed a sound understanding of the principles of intellectual property law and the practical application of those principles. There were a few students who appeared to not manage their time well and missed answering an entire question (while answering others comprehensively).

Fourteen candidates sat the examination. Final marks were in the range 53% to 89%. Six candidates were awarded a Pass Distinction grade, six candidates were awarded a Pass Merit grade and two candidates were awarded a Pass grade. The final marks and grades were consistent generally with past examinations.

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

##### **Questions**

The examination comprised four questions. Candidates were required to attempt all of the questions. Question 1 was a multi-issue problem question on Patents worth 25 marks. Question 2 was a multi-issue problem question on Copyrights worth 25 marks. Question 3 was a multi-issue problem question on Designs worth 15 marks. Question 4 was a multi-issue problem question on Confidential Information worth 15 marks.

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