

Legal Profession Admission Board

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Jurisprudence

Examiner's comments

General observations

1. As in past examinations, all major topics in the course were covered in the examination questions, some of these thematically overlapped with assigned essay questions, although most did not – where there was overlap the exam questions were differently focused. Students were asked to answer four of eight questions spread across the twelve main topics without an indication of which topics would appear in the exam – so familiarity with a wide range of the course content was necessary. The topics appearing were put together by the three members of the teaching team collaboratively and approximately proportional to the topics taught. It was imperative that candidates covered and were familiar with all Prescribed Topics in their study for this unit.
2. It was the expectation of the examiner that candidates would be conversant with the commentary and lecture synopses in the Law Extension Committee's subject guide together with the scholarly literatures in the *Supplementary Materials* and in the *Jurisprudence Materials*. In this unit it was perfectly acceptable for students to critically engage any of that material so long as that critical engagement was reasoned cogently and fairly – such critical engagement is very much encouraged. Such engagement demonstrates familiarity and facility with both the lecture and supplementary materials.
3. In answering the questions, candidates generally displayed a sound understanding of the jurisprudential theory and principles (this unit being a theoretical unit). At times they also displayed a capacity for the practical application of those theories and principles, critical engagement was present, but not strong in many submissions.
4. Thirty-five (35) candidates sat the examination with no eligible candidate failing to sit. Final marks were in the range 14/80 to and 60/80 (approximately between 17.5% and 75%), with only one candidate who sat the exam failing. The final marks and grades were slightly lower past examinations, with many quite generic responses, but were generally pleasing overall.
5. As the examination was a confidential one, these comments cannot identify the specific issues in the questions.

Questions

The examination comprised eight questions. Candidates were required to attempt four questions each graded out of twenty for a total of eighty possible marks.

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