

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, yet 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 the broad sweep of the course content was required. The topics that did appear were put together by all members of the teaching team in a collaborative manner and roughly proportional to their teaching schedule. It was thus imperative that candidates covered and were familiar with the full range of 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 – indeed such critical engagement is encouraged. Of course in order to critically engage the topics requires familiarity 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 more theoretical unit). At times they also displayed a capacity for the practical application of those theories and principles.
4. Forty-five candidates sat the examination with no candidate failing to sit. Final marks were in the range 41/80 to and 66/80 (approximately between 51% and 83%), with no candidate who sat the exam failing it. The final marks and grades were consistent generally with past examinations and were 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.
