

Legal Profession Admission Board

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Criminal Law and Procedure

Examiner's Comments

General Comments

Most students chose to sit the exam electronically rather than in person. Overall, the quality of the answers was adequate, as reflected in the range of marks.

Characteristics of the Better Responses

- Answered all of the questions rather than parts of them.
- Identified the elements of the applicable offences and defences and discussed in detail how each element applied to the facts of the problem.
- Used clear and concise language.

Common Problems and Mistakes

- Did not answer the question asked.
- Only answered part of the question.
- Regurgitated course materials without any detailed explanation of how the legal principles applied to the facts of the problem. Mere repetition of course materials does not demonstrate knowledge of applicable legal principles or the ability to explain how such principles apply to the facts of the problem.
- Lacked clarity of language.

Exam self-evaluation - Take-aways for students

Students are encouraged to consider the following points:

- Did I manage the time well?
- Did I answer all required questions?
- Did I address each point in each question?
- Did I identify and apply the right legal principles?
- Did I offer sufficient support to each argument and cite correct authorities?
- Did I reach a conclusion on each issue identified and at the end of each response?
- Did I acquire enough knowledge in the course and considered it sufficiently prior to exam to be able to focus on critical thinking of each issue while responding to exam?
- questions?

- Did I focus on analysis, synthesis and evaluation rather than restatement of facts and information presented in the lectures and course materials?
 - Where was my knowledge of this subject deficient?
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