

Legal Profession Admission Board

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Health Law

Examiner's comments

General observations:

1. All topics in the course were covered in the examination questions. Both the questions were compulsory and covered the full range of Topics including consent, capacity, substitute decision-making, abortion, negligence, death and dying, organ donation and public health.
2. It was the expectation of the examiner that candidates would be familiar with the cases in the Law Extension Committee's subject guide together with the scholarly literature and statutes. In answering the questions, candidates generally displayed a sound understanding of the principles of health law and the practical application of those principles.
3. Twenty candidates sat the examination. The highest mark was 86. Final marks were in the range 50% to 90%. Fourteen candidates were awarded a Pass Distinction grade, 12 candidates were awarded a Pass Merit grade and 2 candidates was awarded a Pass grade. There were no fails. The final marks and grades were consistent generally with past examinations but there were a higher proportion of Pass Distinction grades.
4. As the examination was a confidential examination, these comments cannot identify the specific issues in the questions.

Questions:

The examination comprised two questions worth equal marks. Candidates were required to attempt both questions.

Question 1 was a multi-issue problem question requiring candidates to examine issue of informed consent, infectious disease, duty of care, negligence and abortion.

Question 2 was also a multi-part question but it was concerned with death and dying and organ donation.