

Legal Profession Admission Board

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Practice and Procedure

Examiner's Comments

Top-performing students demonstrated a deep understanding of case law, recognising missing or ambiguous facts and explaining how these could influence their legal analysis. They demonstrated a critical approach to applying the law to the facts, which is essential for sound legal reasoning.

Strong answers were characterised by clear and precise language, a direct response to the question asked, and a well-structured identification of both relevant facts and the applicable legal principles. These responses showed an ability to engage with the complexities of the law while maintaining focus on the key issues at hand.

Common issues included time mismanagement, failure to cite appropriate legal authorities, and the inclusion of irrelevant information. Students must move beyond merely stating the law and demonstrate a capacity for analysis, ensuring they apply the law effectively to the facts presented.

Overall, while most students found the short-answer questions in Question 4 more manageable, they struggled with the deeper analysis required for the problem-solving questions in Questions 1 to 3. Simply reciting textbook law is not enough; students must apply legal principles to specific factual scenarios. This skill, essential for legal practice, can only be developed through careful study of case law and a commitment to critical legal analysis.