Legal Profession Admission Board

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Commercial Transactions

Examiner's Comments

General Comments:

Top-performing students demonstrated a deep understanding of case law, applied relevant legal principles, and appreciated the legal nuances that different factual scenarios can introduce.

Strong responses demonstrated clear and precise legal analysis, moving beyond rote recitation to engage critically with both the facts and the law.

Common shortcomings included superficial engagement with the material, misinterpretation of facts, and the inclusion of irrelevant information. Too often, students confused eloquence with substance, and many overlooked the importance of citing relevant legal authorities. Time management was a particular issue this semester, with more students than in previous years failing to answer one or more questions – a significant problem given that each question accounted for 25% of the exam mark.

To succeed in law, students must develop a deep understanding of legal principles and demonstrate the ability to apply them effectively to fact-based scenarios.