

Examiners' Comments on the 2021 Examination

Head V: Principles of Common Law

The examination paper consisted of four parts:

Part A (Constitutional Law & Introduction to Legal System);

Part B (Law of Contract);

Part C (Introduction to Law of Torts); and

Part D (Criminal Law).

The examination paper had eight questions and the candidates were asked to attempt one question from each part. The candidates were given 45 minutes reading time. After the expiry of the reading time, each was given an oral examination by two Examiners.

Generally, the candidates were aware of the relevant legal principles and were able to link them up to the facts of the questions and provide answers that correctly addressed those questions. There was a range in the standards exhibited.

Case law was not very frequently cited. A few more cases, especially Hong Kong cases could have been given to substantiate the answers.

Candidates appear to find questions concerning Contract Law and Legal System easier to answer compared with questions on Tort and Criminal Law. For Criminal Law, it may be considered whether we can venture into crimes apart from the usual murder /manslaughter areas.

Like for the 2020 exam, Zoom arrangements were made for candidates and examiners to be in separate rooms for social distancing purposes. All sessions proceeded smoothly and no technical issues occurred which were reported to have affected any of the candidates. Thanks to the Law Society staff for their hard work in preparation.