

## **Examiners' Comments on the 2024 Examination**

### **Head V- Principles of Common Law**

The examination paper consisted of four parts:

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

Part B (Law of Contract);

Part C (Introduction to Law of Torts);

Part D (Criminal Law).

The 2024 Head V Examination paper consisted of 4 parts. Each part comprised of 2 questions. The questions revolved around the topics of constitutional law, law of contract, law of torts and criminal law. The candidates were free in selecting 1 question from each part. All candidates were given 45 minutes prior to answering the questions orally. Each candidate was examined by 2 Examiners.

Generally speaking, the majority of the candidates were knowledgeable in the relevant legal principles and able to apply them to the facts of the questions. Most candidates, in supporting their answers, were less capable in citing Hong Kong cases. After the handover of Hong Kong from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China, the Hong Kong case-law developed in a highly specific context, responding to the unique statutory and constitutional needs of this jurisdiction. It is thus advisable for future candidates to have better insights on local case precedents.

A high percentage of candidates were well prepared for the examination and able to complete all 4 questions well within the time set aside for them. The pass rate is about 67 % this year.