

Examiners' Comments on the 2022 Examination

Head V: Principles of Common Law

The Head V Examination paper consisted of 4 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 Head V Examination paper consisted of 4 parts and each part comprised with 2 questions. The candidates were required to answer 1 question from each part. All candidates were given 45 minutes reading time. After the expiry of the reading time, each candidate was given an oral examination by 2 Examiners.

Generally, the candidates were aware of the relevant legal principles and were able to apply them to the facts of the questions and provide correct answers to those questions. The candidates were able to demonstrate in depth understanding and analysis of the core issues. Most candidates were able to support their answers by citing the relevant case law.

The candidates performed best on questions concerning Legal System of Hong Kong. Some candidates, at times, overlooked some issues with questions on Contract and Tort. With a bit of prompting, candidates were able to answer the questions more fully. Overall speaking, candidates were less capable in answering questions on topics of murder and diminishing responsibility. It is advisable for future candidates to have clear understandings of the provisions as set out in the Homicide Ordinance.