

# Informal Session for Paper D

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# Purpose of Examination

- Assessment of whether candidate fit to practice as Patent Agent, advise public on patents
- Code of Conduct was introduced on 15 December 2009 (see 5th Schedule of the Patents (Patent Agent) Rules); disciplinary proceedings for patent agents for non compliance
- Clause 5: maintenance of professional standards – expected to be aware of applicable laws

# Background reading

- Read the Administrative instructions to understand the scope of the examination, e.g. what you can bring into the examination (“Reference Material”); what is allowed in reference material - cross referencing/highlighting permitted / explanatory notes not allowed
- Read the Examiner’s tips
- Read the FAQs on examinations
- Practice Past Year Papers (without looking at the Answer scripts first)
- Read the Patents Act and Rules and PCT / PCT Regulations thoroughly

# Manage your time properly!

- Attempt all 5 questions
- 4 hours including reading time = 48 minutes per question.
- Time spent on each new question would usually translate to more points

## Read questions carefully /Answer to the point

- Look at the marks allocated - usually 1 mark = 1 point
- Consider carefully what is the scope of answer required (e.g. state the actual deadline in addition to time frame?)
- Do not make up facts

# Structure your answers

- See sample answers from past year papers - identify issue, explain the provision
- Cite the relevant provision (including subsection) from the Act/Rule
- Apply law to the facts set out
- Conclude

# Write legibly and in full sentences

- Write clearly
- Use dark ink
- Avoid using bullet points

Questions?

# Thank You

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