

**Singapore Patent Agents Qualifying Examination 2011:
Informal Session for Paper D**

Speaker : Mr Daniel Lim Ying Sin
Date : 19 August 2011
Time : 11.40 am – 12.25 pm
Venue : IPOS Promise Room

The highlights below are intended to assist candidates in their preparation for the Singapore Patent Agents Qualifying Examination.

Overview

- Assessing if the candidates are fit to be a patent agent in Singapore.
- Imagine yourself advising clients.
- Broad spectrum of issues.
- Usually possible to tell who is well prepared and who isn't.

Preparation

- Know the Singapore Patents Act and Rules, PCT and PCT Regulations.
- IPOS website.
- Expect long questions. Be positive: the longer the question, it is sometimes easier see issues and points.

Preparation – Open Book

- A tool, but not a crutch.
- Do not be lulled into a false sense of security.
- There will not be enough time to look for the first time ever.
- You have to know the provisions very well.
- You need to know where to find your answer straightaway.

Exam Technique

Time Allocation

- 48 minutes per question.
- Stick strictly to the time limit.
- Do not leave out any question.
- You lose 20 marks if you do not attempt a question at all.
- More likely to pass if you get average marks in all the questions

Exam Technique

Writing

- Write clearly in full sentences.
- Use clear dark ink.
- Write in point form only when you are desperate for time.

Exam Technique

Scoring Points

- Read the questions properly.
- Answer questions to the point.
- 1 point = 1 mark.
- Be concise.
- Look at marks allocated to each question.

Exam Technique

Scoring Points (2)

- Do not try to earn bonus.
- Answer based on the facts as provided in the question.
- Do not make up facts.
- Do not rewrite facts from the question.
- Do not ramble.

Exam Technique

Scoring Points (3)

- Always state the Rule or Act (including sub-Rule or sub-Section).
- But no marks if not elaborated and not applied.
- Go through the sub-Rule or sub-Section one by one.
- State the actual dates for deadlines.

Exam Technique

Scoring Points (4)

- Checklist to answer every question/issue/point:
 1. Identify the issue
 2. State the Rule or Act (including sub-Rule or sub-Section)
 3. Apply facts to the law
 4. Conclude

Thank You

Daniel Lim | Director

Stamford Law Corporation

10 Collyer Quay #27-00 Ocean Financial Centre | Singapore 049315

T: +(65) 6389 3019 | F: +(65) 6389 3096

daniel.lim@stamfordlaw.com.sg