

INFORMAL SESSION FOR PAPER D

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Time : 11 am to 12 noon
Venue : IPOS Promise Room

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

- Write legibly, use clear dark ink.
- When writing answers, write logically, labeling and structure the paragraphs. There must be a logical answer as Paper D is a practical paper.
- Please bear in mind the following:
 - issue spotting
 - “open book” (read the administrative instructions for what is and is not allowed)
- Legislation :
 - Where applicable, cite the correct sections and rules to support your answer. However, please bear in mind citations alone will not be sufficient to earn the full marks.
 - Be careful about deadlines & timelines
 - calculate the months correctly
- Plan the time:
 - There are 5 questions to be completed in 4 hours.
 - Do not “bank” on doing 1 or 2 questions only.
 - In order to pass, candidate need 50 marks (out of 100).
- Going through the questions,
 - Make a highlight of all the issues spotted.
 - Reason out. Marks will be given for reasoning.
- Read patent cases.
 - You will learn how to approach issues
 - Apply facts to the law
- Do not ramble on and on.
 - Answer the question,
 - Be concise and straight to the point. Be mindful of the marks allocated to a particular answer, if that has been provided.
 - Do not conclude without any discussion.
 - Do not fabricate facts.
 - Discuss the section and come to a conclusion.

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- Cross reference- act & rules.
 - Go through the sections one by one
 - The aim is to give a more complete answer.
 - Do it by yourself.

 - Practise past years' papers
 - Discuss with friends about the issue
 - See the issues by a "broader horizon"
 - See the questions from different perspectives
 - Think which approach to take

 - Identify the issues, deal with each issue one by one.
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