

**Singapore Patent Agents Qualifying Examination 2008:
Informal Session for Paper D**

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Date	15 August 2008
Time	12.00 pm – 1.00 pm
Venue	IPOS Promise Room

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

- (1) Do not be lulled into a false sense of security because this is an open book exam. There will be no time to flip through your materials to find the answer. You need to know where to find your answer straightaway. Careful preparation is still required. Questions will cover a broad spectrum of issues and hence spotting is not recommended. It is usually possible to tell who is well prepared and who isn't.
- (2) Write legibly and in proper English. This being a paper on law, the answers should demonstrate a minimum level of competency in English as the working language.
- (3) Time-management : attempt all questions. You are more likely to pass if you get average grades in all the questions, then if you are weak in entire questions.
- (4) Answer directly and to the point. The number of marks for each section is a useful gauge of how detailed an answer should be. Do not try to earn bonus marks by answering over and above what is required in the question.
- (5) Do not fabricate scenarios when answering a question. Answer based on the facts as provided in the question.
- (6) We are looking for the logic/reasoning behind each answer. Hence, quoting the correct section or rule will not gain you marks without the accompanying logic/reasoning. State your conclusions and how or why you arrive at them.
- (7) The questions are crafted to test your knowledge of the practical aspects of patent practice and answers should reflect this. Assume the position that you are a patent agent in practice advising clients in a real-life scenario.
- (8) Make sure that answers appear in proper sequence following the question. Ensure that you indicate which section in the question you are answering. You could lose marks if it is not clear that your answer is directed at the proper part/section of a question.
- (9) Remember to state the actual date of the deadline in addition to the time-frame when answering questions which involve calculation of deadlines. Candidates in the past have lost out on easily earned marks by not calculating deadlines correctly.