

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF SINGAPORE
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MODEL ANSWER TO PAPER A

Notice: The model answer below contains some points (not-exhaustive) that
could be covered in the answer to this Paper.

1. In response to the question “Prepare a specification and claims directed to the device”, a specification and one or more claims should be prepared.
2. The following reflects an example of how the claims could be presented:

Claim No. 1

A massaging device comprising a shaft with a handle for holding the device with one or both hands, an array of spaced projections mounted on the shaft and extending outwardly there from the projections being rotatable relative to the handle, whereby when the device is moved over a patient's body the projections rotate relative to the handle.

Claim No. 2

A method of massaging comprising moving a device (having the features of claim 1) over a body so that the projections rotate relative to the handle.

Examiner's Notes:

The second claim may prompt discussion as to the claim being excluded by Section 14(7) of the Patents Act which deals with methods of treatment of the human body by therapy.

Claims No. 3 etc.

Features to be covered to give the client a good fall back position: -

- Handle at both ends of the shaft
- Collar(s) on shaft and projections mounted on collars,
- Projections mounted on shaft and sleeves forming handles
- Central portion of shaft has no projections
- Array of projections comprises a set of projections in the same plane
- At least one of the projections has a spherical outer end

Examiner's Notes:

Subsidiary claims should be clear

Antecedents and dependencies should be checked for accuracy.