

Answer guidelines to QE 2005 Paper A

Note: The answer guidelines contain some points (non-exhaustive) that could be covered in the answer to this Paper.

As a preliminary point, if:

- (a) claim 1 is clearly invalid; or
- (b) claim 1 is of such narrow scope that it offers very little protection; or
- (c) the description provides no disclosure of the invention or how to perform the invention.

the candidate must fail.

1.	Scope of Claim 1
	<p>Consider the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) definition of the invention (b) novelty (c) inventive step (d) clarity (e) support by the description (f) scope (g) if more than one independent claim, consider unity
2.	Consistency of language and terminology in title/field/description/claims
3.	Subsidiary Claim
4.	Change in the description of preferred embodiment
5.	Description of problem and its match with the solution provided by claims
6.	Antecedents in claims (including within each claim and between the claims)
7.	Appendices of subsidiary claims (dependent claims)