

LEGAL ETHICS
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EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

The exam comprised four questions.

The first two questions related to the 'Solicitors' *side* of the course and the next two questions related to the 'Barristers' *side*. Some questions were themselves subdivided into a number of specific questions and some questions overlapped and raised issues dealt with in both *sides* of the course.

The questions differed in style – from requiring the student to interpret factual situations to those that simply required students to deal with specified topics.

The exam attempted to raise a significant number of the conduct issues dealt with during the course.

The exam was, generally speaking, poorly dealt with. Albeit that the failure rate was relatively low, so too were the marks awarded. This seems to be a continuing trend, especially since the exam has been *open-book*[and the essay question has been of equal value to an exam question].

It is fair to say that no one question was answered worse than another. Students, generally, scored in a similar range in all questions attempted. As always, some students did score better in questions relating to one side of the course than the other.

There continues to be evidence of instances of poor time management with the exam. This is specifically evident with some students producing a poor answer to one question and which answer displayed the tell-tale signs of it being *rushed*.