

## **Examiners' Comments on the 2023 Examination**

### **Head V- Principles of Common Law**

The examination paper consisted of four parts:

Part A (Constitutional Law and Introduction to Legal System);

Part B (Law of Contract);

Part C (Introduction to Law of Torts);

Part D (Criminal Law).

The examination paper had a total of eight questions. The candidates were required to answer one question from each part. The candidates were given 45 minutes reading time. Upon the expiry of the reading time, each candidate was given an oral examination by two Examiners. Some of the Examiners were newly recruited this year.

Generally, the candidates were familiar with the relevant legal principles and were able to link them up to the facts of the questions and provide correct answers to those questions. Candidates were less capable in citing Hong Kong cases to support their answers. It is advisable for future candidates to have better insights on local case law. The candidates performed best on questions concerning Constitutional Law and Introduction to Legal System. As to the questions on topics of Tort and Criminal Law, some candidates were able to answer more fully after being prompted by the Examiners.

The majority of the candidates were well prepared for the examination and were able to complete answering the questions well within the time set aside for them.