

### Question 1

Explain the term "Prior Art".

**2 marks**

### Question 2

A first GB patent application was filed on 30 May 2019 without details of the inventors.

**By what date must the details of the inventors be filed without requesting an extension of time? Show your calculations.**

**2 marks**

### Question 3

A GB patent application was filed on 18 March 2016. The application was granted on 9 May 2018

**a) When is the first renewal fee due? Show your calculations.**

**4 marks**

**b) If the renewal fee is not paid by this date, what is the latest date for paying the renewal fee without an additional fee?**

**1 mark**

**c) How often are renewal fees due on the granted patent?**

**1 mark**

**Total: 6 marks**

### Question 4

A PCT application is published in Japanese.

**a) What are the minimum requirements for entering the GB national phase?**

**2 marks**

**b) What is the deadline for entering the GB national phase?**

**1 mark**

**Total: 3 marks**

### Question 5

What are the official languages of the EPO?

**1 mark**

### Question 6

A decision to refuse a European patent application is dated 9 December 2019.

a) **What is the deadline for filing a notice of appeal? Show your calculations.**

**4 marks**

b) **What is the deadline for filing the grounds of appeal? Show your calculations.**

**5 marks**

**Total: 9 marks**

### Question 7

A communication under *Rule 71(3) EPC* allowing a European patent application is dated 23 October 2019. The communication is received in your office on 1 November 2019. The European application is in English and contains 12 claims. No amendments are needed.

a) **For this application to proceed to grant, what actions must be completed?**

**2 marks**

b) **What is the deadline for completing these actions? Show your calculations.**

**5 marks**

**Total: 7 marks**

### Question 8

An A2 publication is issued in respect of an international patent application.

a) **What is an A2 publication?**

**1 mark**

b) **What publication will follow the A2 publication, and what will it include?**

**2 marks**

**Total: 3 marks**

### Question 9

A second GB patent application is filed claiming priority from an earlier GB patent application. Informal drawings are filed as part of the second GB application.

- a) **What is the deadline for filing formal drawings?** **2 marks**
- b) **The deadline mentioned in part a) is missed. To validly file the formal drawings, what must you do and by when?** **2 marks**

**Total: 4 marks**

### Question 10

A GB patent application is filed in the name of the sole inventor.

**Is it necessary to file a PF7 at the UK IPO?**

**1 mark**

### Question 11

A GB patent application is filed that does not claim priority. No request for early publication is made. All relevant forms are filed, and all relevant fees are paid.

- a) **What is the earliest that the application will be published?** **1 mark**
- b) **What could delay the publication of the application?** **1 mark**
- c) **How can the applicant avoid the application being published?** **1 mark**

**Total: 3 marks**

### Question 12

An official communication from the EPO noting a loss of rights is dated 14 January 2020. You receive the communication the same day.

- a) **What is the deadline for responding to the communication? Show your calculations.** **4 marks**
- b) **What actions must be taken by the deadline calculated in part a)?** **2 marks**

**Total: 6 marks**

### Question 13

An application for a registered Community design is to be filed that claims priority from a GB design application. The applicant wishes to defer publication of the registered Community design.

a) **What is the maximum time period for which the publication can be deferred?**

**1 mark**

b) **By when does the applicant need to request publication and pay the publication fee?**

**1 mark**

**Total: 2 marks**

### Question 14

When is the first renewal fee due in respect of a registered Community design?

**2 marks**

### Question 15

An attorney in your office sends you the following memo.

Our client, Ninja Securities Ltd, would like to request search and examination of their GB patent application, which was filed without claiming priority. We have already paid the application fee on filing, and the application has been assigned application number GB 2022044.6 (our reference is NSL-GB1).

The application contains the following documents:

description:	32 pages
claims:	18 claims, over 5 pages
abstract:	1 page
drawings:	3 figures, over 3 pages

There is no need to request paper copies as we keep electronic files.

I'll sign the forms once you have prepared them. Thanks for your help with this.

Bea Trice, CPA  
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**Complete forms PF9A and PF10.**

**8 marks**

## Question 16

You work as a paralegal at Stechert Partners LLP. One of the partners, Laura Stechert, sends you the following memo.

Good morning. Please can you prepare the form for filing an international patent application for our client, Seating Technology Ltd (a UK company based at 12 Russel Street, London, W15 8TT, UK), naming me as agent. This application will claim priority from their earlier GB application entitled Reclining Mechanism. We'll use the same documents for filing the international application. Our reference for this new application is SeatTech01.

The details of their current application are:

Application no:	GB 1912345
Filing date:	14 February 2019
Description:	14 pages
Claims:	6 claims, over 2 pages
Abstract:	1 page (accompanied by figure 3)
Drawings:	7 figures, over 6 pages

Digital library access code (PDAS): 123A

Inventor:	Tob DERRY (a UK citizen) 20 Portcullis House, Plymouth, PL36 0LR, UK
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Please request that we receive notifications only by email. We won't file a certified copy of the priority document, but will make use of the PDAS code received for the current GB application.

There's no need to fill in a fee sheet. Finance will do this. The fee sheet will be included on filing.

Many thanks, Laura

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**Complete form PCT/RO/101.**

**10 marks**

**Question 17**

A European patent is granted on 8 November 2019.

a) **What is the deadline for opposing the patent? Show your calculations.**

**3 marks**

b) **What actions must be taken by the date in part a) to validly oppose the patent?**

**3 marks**

**Total: 6 marks**

**Question 18**

A GB patent application is filed. After 18 months, a new divisional GB application is filed based on the earlier parent GB application.

**When is the abstract due in respect of the new (divisional) GB application? Explain your answer.**

**2 marks**

**Question 19**

What is a patent? Explain your answer.

**3 marks**

**Total Marks: 80 marks**