Patent Administrator's Course Mock Examination 19th February 2015

Answers

Ouestion	2.

(a)	Three months from the date of issuance of the International Search Repo or 22 months from the earliest priority date whichever is the later	((1 mark) (1 mark) (0.5 mark)	
	15/07/2015 + 3M = 15 th October 2015 [a Thursday] 19/02/2014 + 22M = 19 th December 2015 [a Saturday]		(1 mark) (1 mark)	
	So due date is Monday, 21 st December 2015	((0.5 mark)	
(b)	(i) File the Demand form File a response [including any desired amendments] to the International Prelimin on Patentability.		(1 mark) ry Report (1 mark)	
	(ii) Pay the fees due i.e. the fee for international preliminary examination and the handling fee		(0.5 mark) (0.5 mark)	
		(8 mark	s in total)	
Questio	on 3			
i)	International Bureau. c).	(0.5+0.5	marks)	
ii)	Receiving Office. a).	(0.5+0.5	marks)	
iii)	International Preliminary Examination Authority. b).	(0.5+0.5	marks)	
iv)	Supplementary International Searching Authority. d).	(0.5+0.5	marks)	
		(4 mark	s in total)	
Question 4				
End of	the calendar month containing the fourth filing anniversary	((1 mark)	
10/03/2011 + 4 years = 10/03/2015, so $31/03/2015$		((1 mark)	
But 1 st month's late payment extension is free			(1 mark)	
So date for payment is 30/04/2015 [a Thursday]		((1 mark)	
		(4 mark	s in total)	

(a) 13 months from the end of the extended period (under S25(4))	(1 mark)
30/09/2015 + 13 months = 31/10/2016 [a Monday]	(1 mark)
(b) File Patents Form 16	(1 mark)
with evidence showing the failure to renew on time was unintentional	(1 mark)
Pay the restoration fee and missed renewal fee	(1 mark)
(5 ma	rks in total)
Question 6	
4½ years from the earliest priority date	(1 mark)
Or 1 year from the date of issuance of the first examination report	(1 mark)
Whichever is the later	(0.5 mark)
$18/02/2013 + 4\frac{1}{2}$ years = $18/08/2017$	(1 mark)
09/01/2015 + 1 year = 09/01/2016	(1 mark)
So compliance date is 18th August 2017 [a Thursday]	(0.5 mark)
(5 ma	rks in total)
Question 7	
(a) $19/02/2015 + 4M = 19^{th}$ June 2015 [a Friday]	(1 mark)
(b) The date can be extended by 2 months	(1 mark)
To 19 th August 2015 [a Wednesday]	(1 mark)
(c) The extension request must be filed within the extended period	(1 mark)
In writing	(1 mark)
Identifying the application and time limit concerned	(1 mark)
(6 ma	rks in total)

(a) 4 months from notification of the examination report	(1 mark)
19/02/2015 + 10 days = 01/03/2015	(1 mark)
01/03/2015 + 4M = 01/07/2015 [a Wednesday]	(1 mark)
(b) By 2 months, i.e. to 1 st September 2015 [a Tuesday]	(1 mark)
(c) Within the unextended time limit [i.e. by 01/07/2015]	(1 mark)
In writing, by a formal filing method	(1 mark)
(61	marks in total)
Question 9	
Pay the fee for grant and printing	(1 mark)
File translations of the claims into French and German	(1 mark)
Within 4 months of notification of the communication	(1 mark)
16/01/2015 + 10 days = 26/01/2015	(1 mark)
$26/01/2015 + 4M = 26^{th}$ May 2015 [a Tuesday]	(1 mark)
(51	marks in total)
Question 10	
The application is deemed to be withdrawn	(1 mark)
A notice of loss of rights issues	(1 mark)
Setting a period of two months from its date of notification	(1 mark)
To complete the omitted acts	(1 mark)
And pay the flat-rate further processing fee	(1 mark)
[in which case the legal consequences of the omission shall not ensue]. (5 I	marks in total)

DE – No translation (0.5 mark)

ES – Full translation (0.5 mark)

GR – Full translation (0.5 mark)

IE – No translation (0.5 mark)

IS – Claims translation only (0.5 mark)

NL – Claims translation only (0.5 mark)

(3 marks in total)

Question 12

3 months from the date of publication of mention of grant in the European Patent Bulletin(1 mark)

 $04/03/2015 + 3M = 4^{th} \text{ June } 2015 \text{ [a Thursday]}$ (1 mark)

(2 marks in total)

Question 13

Up to and including the day before publication of mention of grant [i.e. while the application remains pending] (1 mark)

= up to and including 3^{rd} March 2015 (1 mark)

(2 marks in total)

Question 14

(a) Yes (0.5 marks)
(b) No (0.5 marks)
(c) No (0.5 marks)
(d) Yes (0.5 marks)

(2 marks in total)

Question 15

An indication that a patent is sought (1 mark)

Information identifying the applicant or allowing the applicant to be contacted (1 mark)

A description or a reference to a previous application (1 mark)

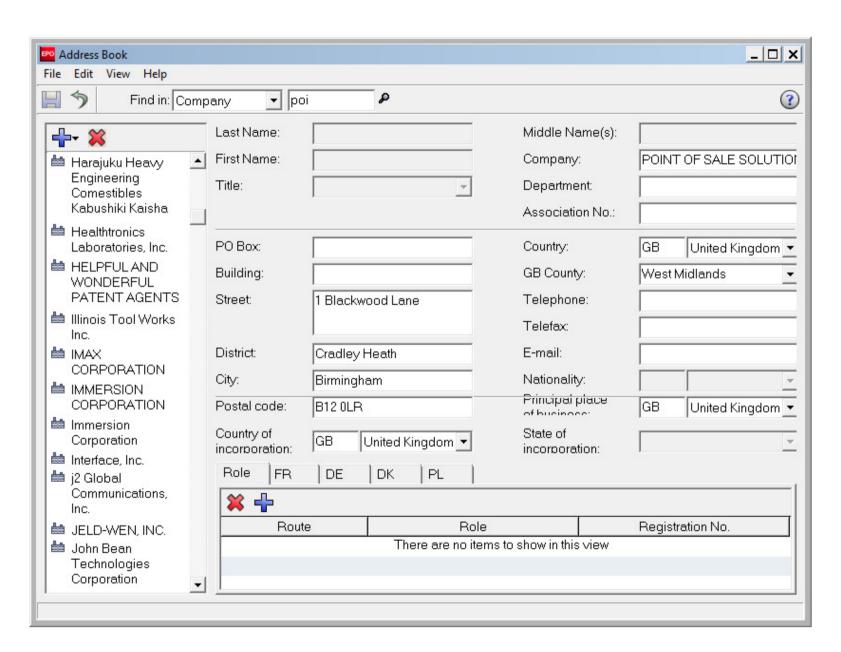
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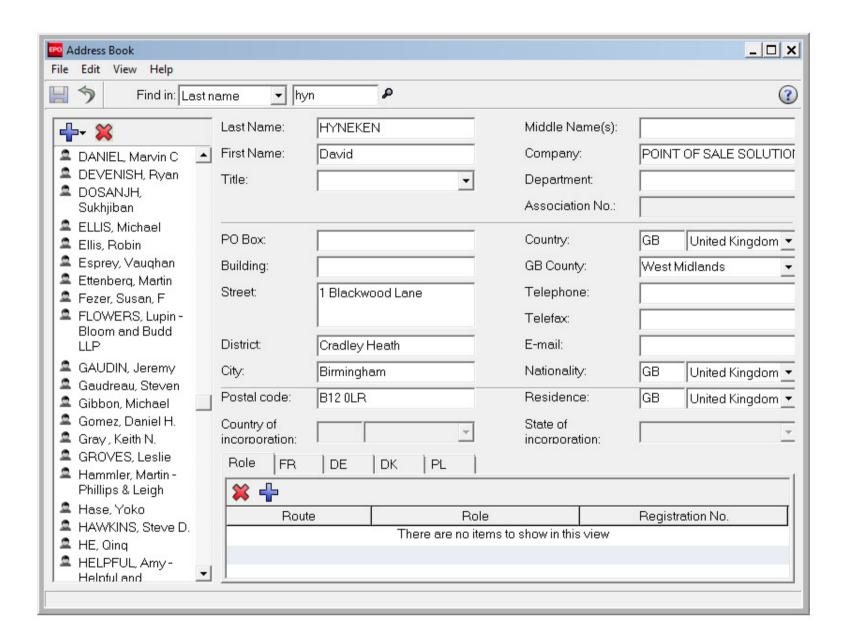
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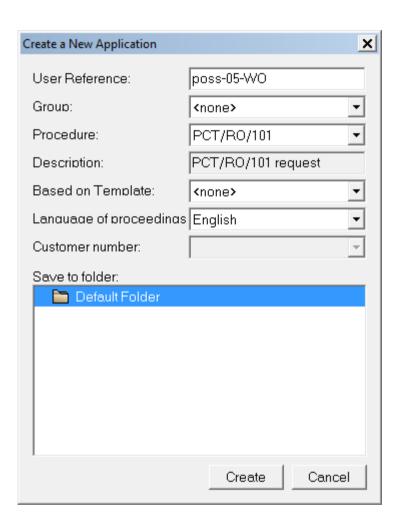
(i) False	(1 mark)
(ii) False	(1 mark)
(iii) True	(1 mark)
(iv) False	(1 mark)
(v) False	(1 mark)
	(5 marks in total)
Question 17	
(a) No	(0.5 marks)
(b) No	(0.5 marks)
(c) No	(0.5 marks)
(d) Yes	(0.5 marks)
(e) No	(0.5 marks)
(f) Yes	(0.5 marks)
	(3 marks in total)
Question 18	
Pay the examination fee	(1 mark)
Pay the designation fee	(1 mark)
and any required extension fees	(1 mark)
Answer any objections raised in the European search opinion	(1 mark)
Within 6 months of publication of the European search report [A3 publication]	(1 mark)
$18/02/2015 + 6M = 18^{th}$ August 2015 [a Tuesday]	(1 mark)
	(6 marks in total)

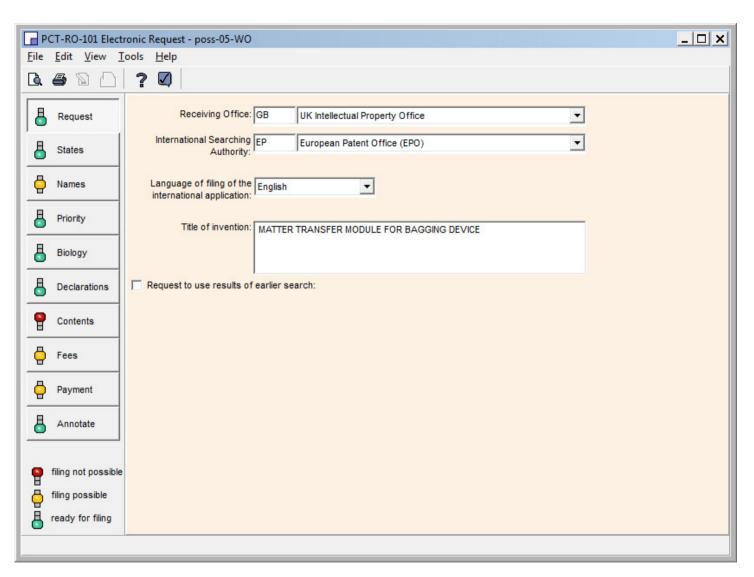
Opposition must be filed within 9 months of the date of grant (21/01/2015). (1 mark) $21/01/2015 + 9M = 21^{st}$ October 2015 [a Wednesday] (1 mark) The patent can be: - revoked in its entirety (1 mark) - maintained in amended form [i.e. claims restricted] (1 mark) - maintained as originally granted [i.e. opposition dismissed] (1 mark) (5 marks in total) Question 20 (a) Renewal is "normally" due at the end of the calendar month containing the 4th filing anniversary (1 mark) 02/06/2011 + 4 years = 02/06/2015, so 1^{st} renewal is due by 30^{th} June 2015 [a Monday] (1 mark) (b) Grant took place more than three years and 9 months after filing (0.5 mark) so the due date for paying the renewal is extended to the end of the third calendar month following the month in which grant took place. (0.5 mark) 05/05/2015 + 3M = 05/08/2015, so the 1st renewal fee must be paid by 31st August 2015 [a Monday] (1 mark) But this is a Bank Holiday so the fee can be paid by Tuesday 1st September 2015 (1 mark) (c) From the date of grant, 5th May 2015. (1 mark)

(6 marks in total)

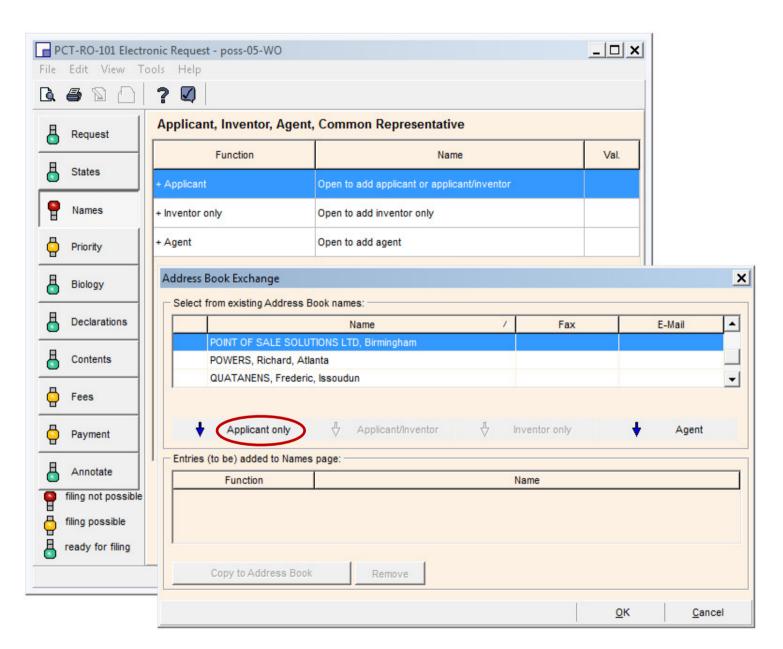




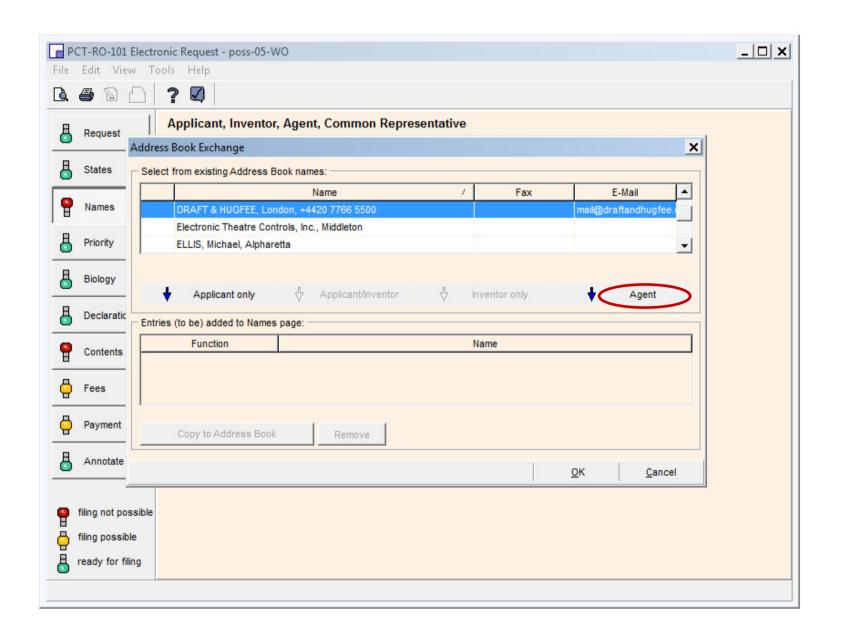


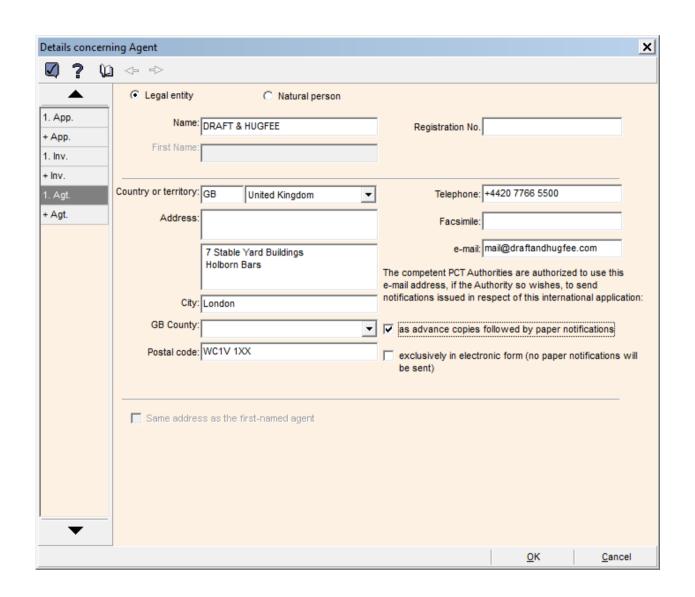


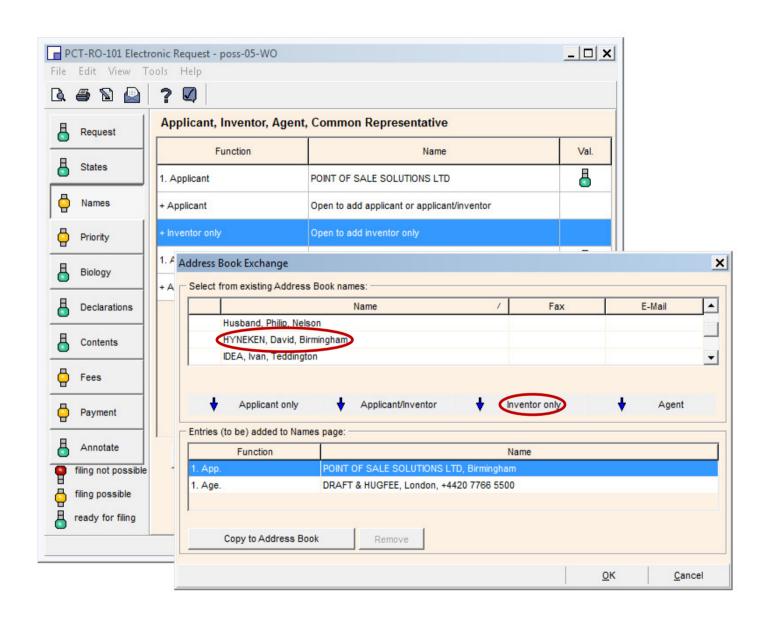
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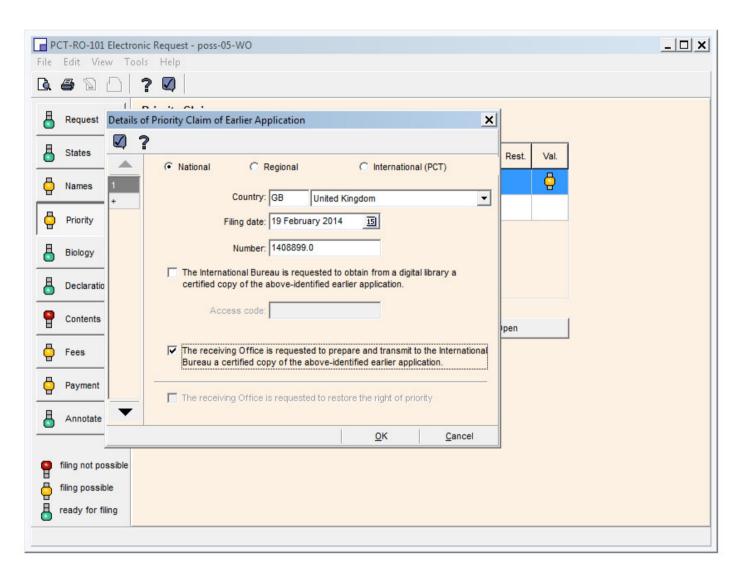


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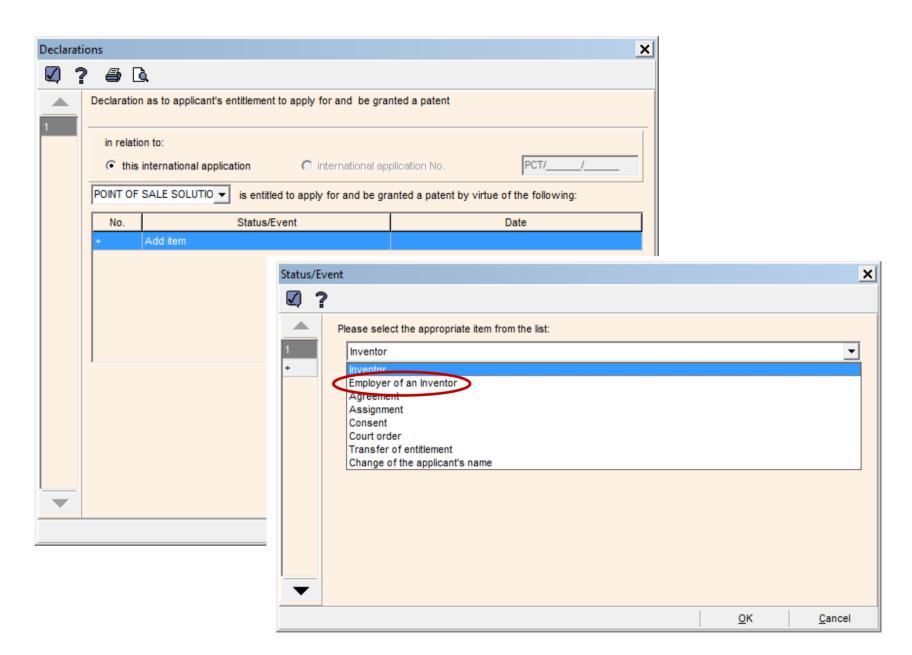




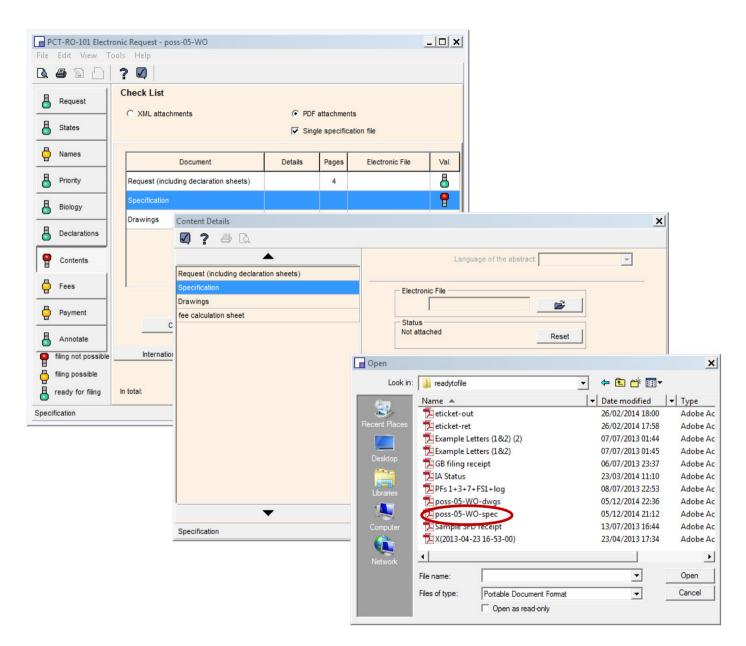




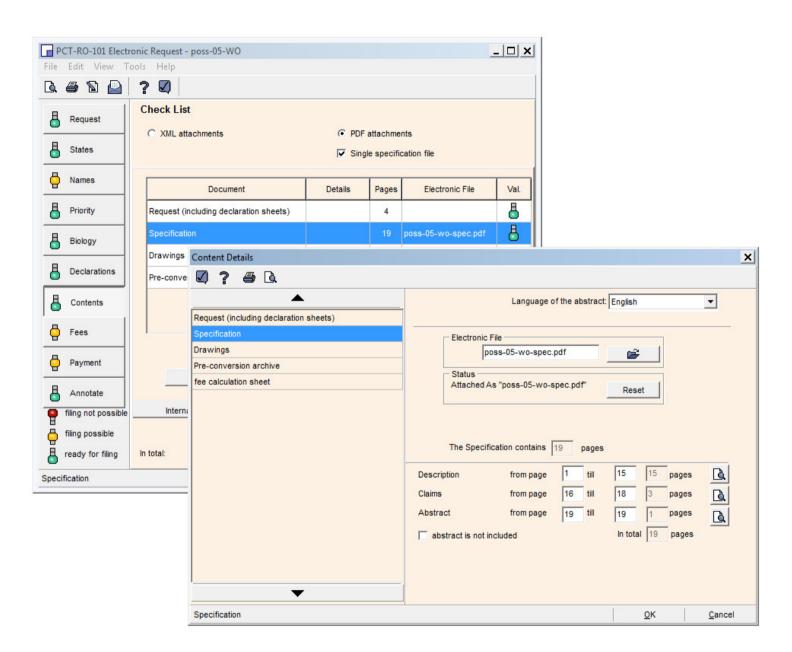
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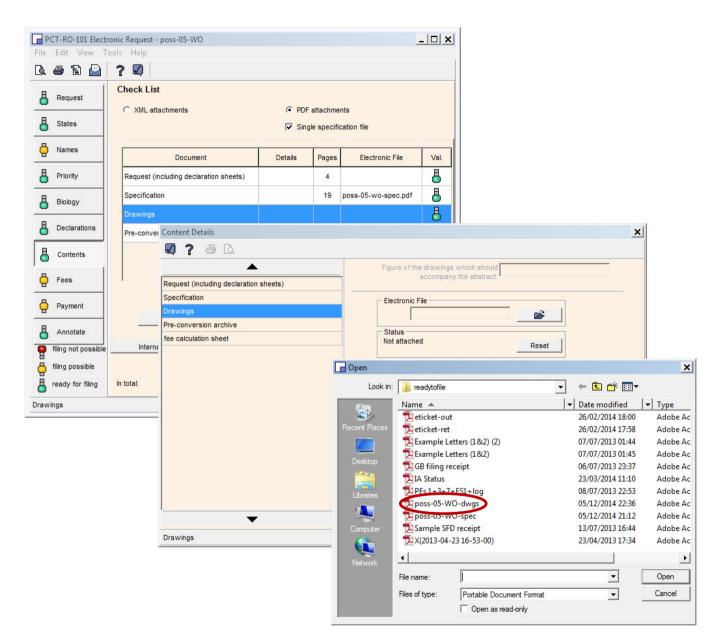
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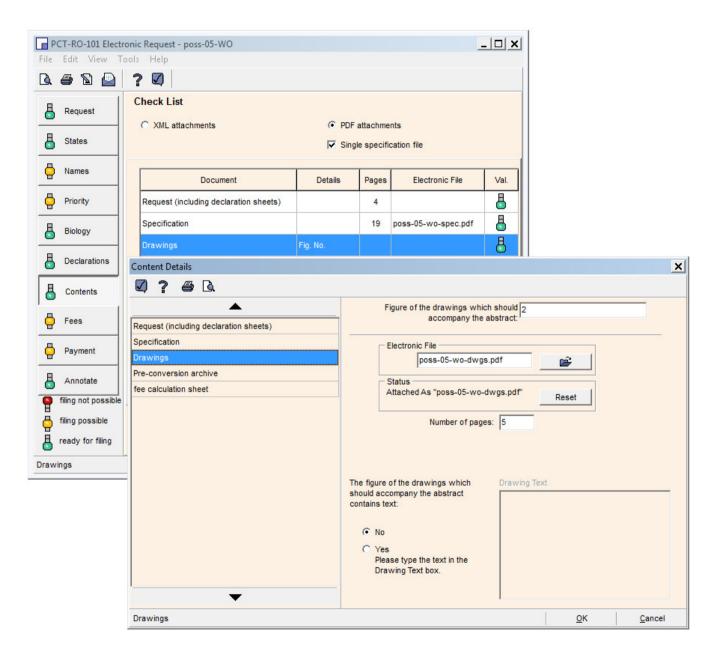
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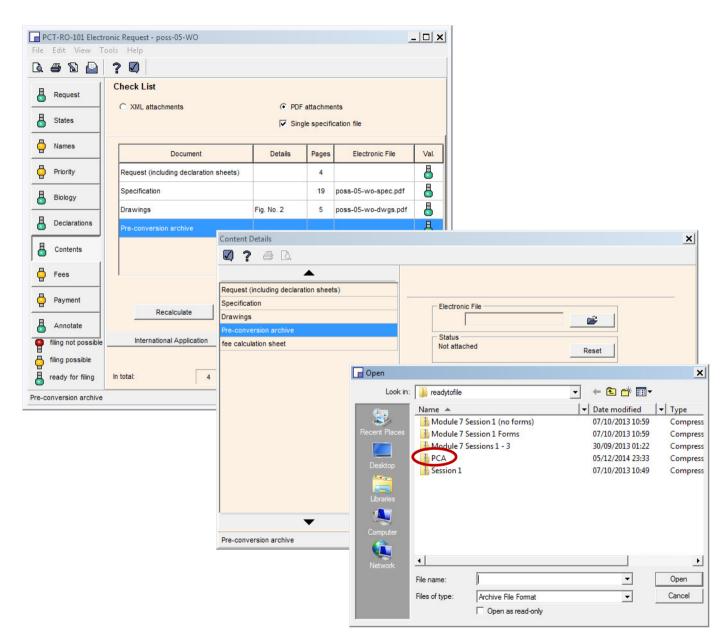
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