

**Question 1**

1a) First Renewal fee is due 5yrs from filing date so  $18.08.2010 + 5\text{yrs} = 18.08.2015$   
= Tuesday

However fees can be paid six months after the due date of  $18.08.2015 + \text{six mths} = 18.02.2016$  [= Thursday]

1b) A UK Design expires after 25 years if all renewals are paid.

Patent would expire  $18.08.2010 + 25\text{ yrs} = 18.08.2035$

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**Question 2**

First renewal fee on an EP application becomes due on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the filing date so:

$28.1.2014 + 2\text{yrs} = 28.1.2016$

However renewals are paid at end of month so due date is 31 January 2016. This is a Sunday so:

deadline moves to next working day which is 1 Feb 2016. EPO open.

**MARKS AWARDED 3/3**

**Question 3: Please refer to the mark scheme**

**MARKS AWARDED 8/8**

**Question 4**

A translation of the claims into English or Welsh within two months from filing.  
English & Welsh are acceptable languages of the UKIPO.

**MARKS AWARDED 1/2**

**Question 5**

5a) US National Phase is 30 months from the priority date so:

$20.2.2014 + 30 \text{ mths} = 20.8.2016 = \text{Saturday.}$

Deadline moves to next open working day so 30 month date is 22.8.2016. EPO Open.

5b) EP Regional phase is 31 Months from priority date so:

$20.2.2014 + 31 \text{ Months} = 20.9.2016 = \text{Tuesday}$

**MARKS AWARDED 5/5**

**Question 6**

An A3 publication is publication of the search report only.

**MARKS AWARDED 1/1**

**Question 7**

7a) Application fee will become due within 12 months from filing so

$27.2.2015 + 12 \text{ mths} = 27.2.2016 = \text{Saturday}$

So date is next working day so 29.2.2016 = Monday

7b) Patents form 7 is due at 16 mths from filing date so  $27.2.2015 + 16 \text{ mths} = 27.06.2016 = \text{Monday}$

**MARKS AWARDED 5/5**

**Question 8: Please refer to the mark scheme**

**MARKS AWARDED 7/8**

**Question 9**

Design application priority period is six months form filing date.

**MARKS AWARDED 1/1**

**Question 10**

10a) The official letter issued on 23.09.2015. The 10 day postal rule applies.

Deadline is

$23.09.2015 + 10 \text{ days} = 3.10.2015 + 4 \text{ months} = 3.2.2016 = \text{Wednesday}$

10b) If the deadline is extended by two months the deadline is six months from communication date after 10 days rule taken into account so:  $23.09.2015 + 10 \text{ days} = 3.10.2015 + 6 \text{ months} =$

$3.4.2016 = \text{Sunday.}$

Deadline is next working day so 4.4.2016 EPO open

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### **Question 11**

11a) In order to reinstate the application you would need to pay the further processing fee and complete the omitted act, i.e. file response to exam report

11b) The deadline is taken from EPO communication + 10 days plus 2 months. The two months is what the further processing letter sets so:

18.1.2016 = 10 days = 28.1.2016 + 2 mths = 28.3.2016 = Monday

However the EPO is shut on 28.3.2016 so deadline is next working day which is 29.3.2016 = Tuesday

**MARKS AWARDED 6/6**

### **Question 12: Please refer to the mark scheme**

**MARKS AWARDED 5/9**

### **Question 13**

Three procedural steps:

Filing of application

Publication of application

Granting of application

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