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Introduction

The question paper was fairly straightforward, focusing mainly on recalling statutory provisions in Part A and applying design and copyright law to scenarios in Part B.

Questions

Part A

Question number	Comments on questions
Question 1	This was a straightforward question on first ownership in Registered and Supplementary Unregistered Designs, which was generally answered well.
Question 2	This was a longer question requiring recall of the owner's exclusive rights in Copyright law as well as the exclusive rights of a design right owner according to the CDPA. It was very well answered by most candidates.
Question 3	This question required knowledge of the definition of an "infringing article" as defined in relation to an Unregistered Design Right, as well as the restoration of a UK registered design. Most candidates answered both parts well. However, some candidates were not careful in explaining in part (b) who might make an application for restoration.
Question 4	This was straightforward question on false representation and cancellation of a registered design with most candidates recalling the provisions accurately, whilst some confused the relevant date in which a cancellation of a UK registered design takes effect.
Question 5	This was a straightforward scenario requiring the application of the rules on qualification for UDR. Many candidates answered it well.
Question 6	The question required candidates to apply basic copyright principles. Most candidates answered it well.

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Part B

Question number	Comments on question
Question 7	This scenario related to copyright, licensing, dealings in works, infringement, and moral rights. Generally, the question was answered well, though in part (b) many candidates did not note exhaustion rights in the EEA as well as the fact that exhibiting an artistic work in public is not an infringing act.
Question 8	This scenario required the application of the basic principles of design rights. It was generally answered well by most candidates. However, several candidates did not properly apply the law to the facts in part (c).
Question 9	This scenario related to copyright, infringement, defences. This was the question attempted by the fewest candidates, though it was generally answered well.
Question 10	This was a high-scoring design law scenario question on registration and assignment. No particular issues were evident.