

### Question 1

What is the time period allowed for claiming priority from:

a) a patent application?

**1 mark**

b) a design application?

**1 mark**

**Total: 2 marks**

### Question 2

What are the three minimum requirements for obtaining a filing date for a GB patent application?

**3 marks**

### Question 3

A GB patent application is filed on 6 December 2023 by reference to an earlier GB application dated 10 February 2023.

**By what date must a description be filed? Show your calculations.**

**6 marks**

### Question 4

A UK patent application was filed on 4 July 2018 and granted on 5 September 2023.

a) By what date are the first renewal fees due to be paid to the UK IPO without making use of the grace period? Show your calculations.

**4 marks**

b) For which years are renewal fees due by this date?

**1 mark**

c) On what date will the following renewal fee be due? Show your calculations.

**1 mark**

**Total: 6 marks**

### Question 5

A first UK patent application was filed on 12 September 2019. The compliance date is 12 March 2024.

- a) To what date can the compliance date be extended as-of-right? Show your calculations.

**2 marks**

- b) What action(s) must be taken to request the as-of-right extension?

**1 mark**

**Total: 3 marks**

### Question 6

Your client wishes to oppose a European patent, which will grant on 14 February 2024.

**What steps must be taken and by what date? Show your calculations.**

**5 marks**

### Question 7

You receive a communication under Art. 94(3) EPC (an examination report) from the EPO on 18 December 2023. The communication is dated 16 December 2023. The communication sets a four-month period for response.

- a) **By what date must a response be filed without requesting an extension of time? Show your calculations.**

**2 marks**

- b) **You obtain a two-month extension of time to the period for response. What is the new date by which the response must be filed? Show your calculations.**

**2 marks**

**Total: 4 marks**

### **Question 8**

A communication under Art. 94(3) EPC (an examination report) was issued by the EPO setting a deadline for response. No response was filed by the deadline and no extension of time of this deadline was obtained. The EPO consequently issued a communication dated 18 December 2023, received by your office on 22 December 2023, stating that the application is deemed withdrawn.

**a) In order to continue examination of the application, what actions should now be taken?**

**2 marks**

**b) By what date must these actions be taken? Show your calculations.**

**4 marks**

**Total: 6 marks**

### **Question 9**

An official communication under Art. 94(3) EPC (an examination report) is issued by the EPO. The communication is dated 19 December 2023 and sets a four-month period for response. You received the communication the same day.

**What is the deadline for requesting an extension of time to respond to the communication?**

**2 marks**

## Question 10

You work with an attorney called Bob Large at a UK patents firm called Large & Partners LLP. Bob has sent you the following memo:

I have spoken with one of our UK clients, Fridge Group Ltd. They would like to file a new PCT application which claims priority from their existing UK patent application, GB2325064.2, filed on 9 March 2023. Please prepare the PCT application for filing today using the UK IPO as receiving office.

Below are the details you will need for the PCT application:

**Title:** *Fridge Deodoriser*

**Our reference:** *FCL-1222-PCT*

**Applicant:** *Fridge Group Ltd* (a UK company of: Fridge House, Steel Industrial Estate, Cambridge, CB2 4LS)

**Inventor details:**

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*RH9 4BN*

*The inventor is a British citizen.*

**Specification details:**

*Description – 15 pages*

*Claims – 3 pages, 15 claims in total*

*Abstract – 1 page, to be accompanied by Figure 1*

*Drawings – 2 pages, 3 figures in total*

The UK priority application is available via the PDAS scheme under code AC02.

Please request that all communications are sent to us only by email, using our [bl@large.com](mailto:bl@large.com) address.

The finance department will pay the relevant fees after filing.

Thanks!

Bob

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**11 marks**

### Question 11

A US design application was filed on 31 October 2023.

By what date must a design application claiming priority from the US application be filed in the UK? Show your calculations.

**2 marks**

### Question 12

Your client, Anietie Taylor, is the sole inventor and applicant for his invention 'Blanking Tape'. Anietie resides in the UK and is a UK national.

**What are the competent receiving offices at which Anietie can file a PCT application?**

**3 marks**

### Question 13

A PCT application is filed at the UK IPO on 4 December 2023, claiming priority from a UK patent application filed on 5 December 2022. No fees are paid in respect of the PCT application on filing.

a) What fees are due in respect of the PCT application?

**3 marks**

b) By what date must these fees be paid? Show your calculations.

**2 marks**

**Total 5 marks**

### Question 14

A UK subsidiary of a Chinese company files a PCT application at the UK IPO with the specification in Chinese.

What will happen to the application? Explain your answer.

**3 marks**

### Question 15

You filed a first (priority) GB patent application on 13 October 2023. On 11 December 2023, you filed a GB divisional patent application from that first GB patent application.

- a) **What is the deadline for requesting a search on the divisional patent application? Show your calculations.**

**7 marks**

- b) **What is the deadline for filing a PF7 on the divisional patent application? Show your calculations.**

**3 marks**

**Total: 10 marks**

### Question 16

A PCT application was filed on 17 May 2022. The application claims priority from a US application filed on 28 July 2021.

- a) **When does the international phase end for this PCT application? Show your calculations.**

**2 marks**

- b) **What is the latest (unextended) date for entering the European regional phase for this PCT application? Show your calculations.**

**2 marks**

- c) **What is the due date for the first renewal fee due at the European Patent Office for the European regional phase application? Show your calculations.**

**3 marks**

- d) **What is the earliest date the first renewal fee can validly be paid to the EPO? Show your calculations.**

**2 marks**

**Total: 9 marks**

**Total : 81 marks**