

## Patent Knowledge Examination

### Test Specifications Summary

#### CONTENT DOMAIN

Areas The *Patent Knowledge Examination* assesses the patent-related knowledge concepts specified in the *College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents Technical Competencies* document. The table below specifies the percentage of questions by area:

Knowledge area	% of marks
Foundational patent knowledge <sup>1</sup>	34% (+/-5%)
Knowledge specific to strategy	11% (+/-5%)
Knowledge specific to drafting	12% (+/-5%)
Knowledge specific to prosecution	31% (+/-5%)
Knowledge specific to validity or infringement	12% (+/-5%)

#### STRUCTURAL VARIABLES

Test-takers have 4 hours to complete the computer-administered examination. The examination uses a closed-book format.

Format and length The examination consists of 135 independent multiple-choice items with 4 response options, of which up to 10% of items will be designated as non-scored experimental items.

Cognitive level

Cognitive level	% of marks
Remembering or understanding	80% (+/-10%)
Application or analysis	20% (+/-10%)

*No items aim to test at the highest order cognitive levels of "evaluation or creation."*

#### CONTEXTUAL VARIABLES

Client context Patent agents serve a range of diverse clients. The examination, to the extent that it refers to clients, aims to respect and represent the diversity of client contexts.

<sup>1</sup> Foundational patent knowledge includes knowledge broadly applicable to multiple areas, including to strategy, drafting, prosecution, validity, and infringement.

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Practice context	Patent agents practise in a range of practice contexts. The examination, to the extent it must specify practice context for clarity, aims to respect and represent the diversity of such contexts.
Domain context	Patent agents practise in a range of areas. The examination does not require advance knowledge of any specific underlying technology, discipline, or industry. Such knowledge, if required, is provided.

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Note: This document is intended for general exam preparation.