

PASE Tips for Candidates

This document offers practical guidance for candidates preparing to write the Patent Agent Skills Exams. The tips below are intended to help you interpret questions carefully, organize your responses clearly, and make effective use of the time available during the exam.

- Read each question carefully and answer every part fully, paying close attention to words such as “and” and “or.”
- Ensure your response addresses all parts of the question, including any sub-questions.
- Read all of the sub-questions first before answering to avoid duplicating responses.
- Manage your time based on the marks assigned to each question and avoid leaving responses incomplete or too brief.
- Review the exam instructions in advance so you are already familiar with them on exam day.
- Focus on the core concept in your answer; more words are not necessarily better.
- If a portion of the response to a current question was provided in a previous answer, that portion must be restated explicitly. Each answer is evaluated solely on that answer’s content, and prior responses are not considered or incorporated by reference.
- For Questions 2a and 3a in Component 1A, which are Questions 1a and 2a in Component B, provide a clear and concise response by identifying and describing a single apparatus point of invention. Do not present multiple options or qualify your answer; instead, state the inventive apparatus feature that distinguishes the invention from the prior art.