Patent Agent Skills Examination Part 2

Test Specifications Summary

CONTENT DOMAIN

Areas

Part 2 of the *Patent Agent Skills Examination* assesses the prosecution-, validity-, and infringement-related skills required of Patent Agents specified in the *College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents Technical Competencies* document. The table below specifies the percentage of marks by area:

Skills area	% of marks
Prosecution	50% (+/-10%)
Validity	25% (+/-10%)
Infringement	25% (+/-10%)

STRUCTURAL VARIABLES

Format and length

Test-takers have 8 hours to complete Part 2 of the *Patent Agent Skills Examination.* Test-takers complete the computer-administered examination over 2 days. Test-takers have 4 hours on one day to complete the first component and 4 hours on a subsequent day to complete the second component. The 2 components are scored together as a single examination.

Items may include both constructed-response questions and performance-based (written) tasks. The examination uses a limited open-book format, with test-takers receiving electronic access to the *Patent Act*, RSC 1985, c P-4 and *Patent Rules*, SOR/2019-251.

Component	Time allotted
Prosecution (75 marks)	4 hours
Validity & Infringement (75 marks)	4 hours

Cognitive level

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

No items aim to test at the lowest order cognitive levels of "remembering or understanding."

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.
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.

Note: This document is intended for general exam preparation.