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EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

As the marks reflect, the overall performance by a third of the candidates was satisfactory with unfortunately the rest being marginal to poor. The major difficulties arose with the practically oriented questions requiring details of documents and procedures to meet the requirements for certain procedures, e.g. late entry into national phase and convention applications and filing divisional applications.

The majority of candidates answered the definition questions like the meaning of “published”, “fair basis”, “anticipation”, “collocation”, “person skilled in the art” and “obviousness” reasonably well. But most had difficulty with the infringement question (also involving an amendment issue) and that of misappropriation.

Those with a clear pass demonstrated a good grasp of both theoretical and practical issues of patents.