

Comments - Foreign/Paper C

Question 1: It was disappointing to see that only a few candidates knew of the recent PCT changes brought in on 1 April 2007 that provide some ability to late file a PCT application.

Question 2: Generally this question was well answered.

Question 3: Candidates presented a broad range of answers.

Question 4: This question was reasonably well answered, although some candidates seemed to miss the point of the question (i.e. that consideration should be given to preserving the options for protection in as many countries as possible given the potential investment).

Questions 5, 6 and 7: These questions were well answered by the majority of candidates.

Question 8: This question was not well answered.

Question 9: This question was attempting to probe a candidate's knowledge of the novelty and inventive step standards in Europe, Australia and the United States. While the novelty aspect to the question was answered well, only 2 candidates attempted to provide a full outline of the inventive step standards.

Question 10: Many candidates did not explain what a re-examination notice was, even though the question specifically asked for an explanation. There were many average attempts made at answering this question.

Question 11: On the whole this question was well answered by the majority of candidates.

Question 12: This question was probably the poorest answered question in the paper, perhaps because it was the last question and candidates may have been pushed for time.

Many candidates who scored poorly on questions tended to generally:

- not provide meaningful advice; or
- use incorrect terminology.