

Programme

EQE online workshop Paper A

The workshop is intended for trainee patent attorneys having participated to the pre-exam and preparing for the EQE A paper and for those EQE candidates who want to improve their skills on how to deal with an A paper.

Monday, 2 November 2020

Formal aspects, methodologies and practical aspects

09.00 – 09.15 Introduction to the course

09.15 – 09.45 Introduction to the formal aspects of Paper A
(Presentation)

A review of the provisions of REE and IPREE relevant to Paper A. The documents that will form Paper A and what is expected in the answer.

09.45 – 11:00 Considering methodologies for Paper A
(Interactive presentation)

A consideration of how to tackle Paper A. Looking at the letter from the client, types of information that might be provided, novelty, inventive step, clarity and conciseness.

11:00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 Practical aspects of Paper A
(Interactive presentation, sharing experiences and exercises)

This session will look at claim categories, essential features and optional features, with tips and tricks for extracting information.

12:45 – 13:00 Closing
(Plenary)

Roundup of Session 1 and looking forward to Session 2.

13.00 **End of Session 1**



Wednesday, 4 November 2020

First practice paper

09:00 – 09:15 Recap from Monday
(Interactive discussion)

09:15 – 11:00 Identifying the relevant information
(Interactive presentation and discussion)

This session will develop the concepts from Monday by reading through a sample Paper A (Paper A Chemistry 2009), jointly identifying potentially important information for the answer, and organising that information to create a framework for the independent claims, dependent claims and introduction.

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 Creating an outline answer
(Interactive presentation and discussion)

In this session participants will learn and discuss how to create a framework for the independent claims, dependent claims and introduction.

12:45 – 13:00 Closing
(Plenary)

Roundup of Session 2 and looking forward to Session 3.

13.00 **End of Session 2**



Friday, 6 November 2020

Second practice paper

09:00 – 09:15 Recap from Wednesday
 (Interactive discussion)

09:15 – 11:00 Identifying the relevant information
 (Interactive presentation and discussion)

Identifying and organising information from a second practice paper (Paper A 2017) and creating a framework for the independent claims, dependent claims and introduction.

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 Creating an outline answer
 (Interactive presentation and discussion)

Preparing the independent claims, dependent claims and introduction.

12:45 – 13:00 Closing
 (Plenary)

Advice to participants on how to continue their preparation for EQE together with a final roundup of any questions and feedback on the workshop in general.

13:00 **End of workshop**

Tutors

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