

2018 Victorian Bar Witness Examination Score Sheet

Team name:	Date and time:	Judge:	Room number:			
1) Opening Statement (2 minutes)	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 10	SCORE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created a clear case theory Created a clear, logical and persuasive narrative Identified key issues No argumentative tone or overstatement of the evidence Proper introduction of evidence 	Unconvincing	Moderate	Good	Very Good	Excellent	/10
COMMENTS:						
2) Examination in Chief (10 minutes)	1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 25	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence elicited in a logical sequence Avoided leading questions Effectively directed the witness's attention to matters of concern Used a variety of methods to elicit further detail when needed Avoided commenting on answers Avoided convoluted/indirect language 	Unconvincing	Moderate	Good	Very Good	Excellent	/20
COMMENTS:						
3) Cross Examination (15 minutes)	1 - 7	8 - 14	15 - 21	22 - 28	29 - 35	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked clear and succinct questions Elicited evidence favourable to their case Obtained control of witness through use of leading questions Avoided arguing with the witness or commenting on answers 	Unconvincing	Moderate	Good	Very Good	Excellent	/25
COMMENTS:						

4) Closing Statement (3 minutes)	1 - 3	4 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirmed clear case theory • Focused on critical evidence, not irrelevant information • Used evidence effectively to demonstrate argument • Effectively draws together evidence and testimony • Highlights evidence that supports own case theory and undermines opposition's case theory • Reflects responses elicited in questioning 	Unconvincing	Moderate	Good	Very Good	Excellent	/15
COMMENTS:						
5) Objections	1 - 3	4 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing an understanding of appropriate grounds for objections • Demonstrates confident and proper manner of stating objections • Responds well to objections from the opposing counsel • Effective use of objections to protect witness where there are grounds when opposing counsel is conducting cross-examination • Attention to detail during opposing counsel's chief and cross examination 	Unconvincing	Moderate	Good	Very Good	Excellent	/15
6) Manner and Expression	1 - 3	4 - 6	7 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confident and effective • Appropriate use of language and body language • Engaged effectively with the court • Asked clear and effective questions • Responds effectively to questions from the bench 	Unconvincing	Moderate	Good	Very Good	Excellent	/15
COMMENTS:						
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:						TOTAL:
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