
PRACTICE ASSESSMENT / SEPTEMBER 2026

Practice assessment specimens

Disclosed tasks for rehearsal and feedback. These are not unseen examination papers.

Careful reading. Applied work.
Accountable professional judgment.

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A note on this edition

These materials support an editorial learning pilot. Exercises use fictional matters and are not legal advice. No accredited award or practising qualification is offered. Read the stated scope and assessment conditions before you begin.

Published assessment specimens

These are disclosed practice tasks, not unseen examination papers. Formal delivery, conditions, parallel forms and standards require approval before consequential assessment.

K1 | Core knowledge and application examination

Candidate brief

Individual, 90 minutes, 100 marks. No generative AI, messaging, model answers or outside assistance. You may use the source-reading index and the specified legislation/judgments, but must write your own analysis. Reasonable adjustments are available. The facilitator records conditions; an unsupervised attempt is practice, not verified assessment. Use fictional facts only. This assessment contributes 15% of the proposed pathway result; the proposed K1 threshold is 70%, subject to academic approval before a real cohort.

1. Formation and scope — 20 marks. Brook offers five workshops for £10,000. Vale replies “agreed with recordings”; Brook replies “start date confirmed” and delivers one workshop. A purchase order refers to different terms, and no signed long form exists. Explain two plausible agreement/terms analyses, identify evidence needed and distinguish formation from breach. Do not conclude from absence of signature alone.
2. Company authority — 15 marks. A fictional operations manager approves a £40,000 purchase despite an internal £15,000 limit. Identify the intended company, evidence relevant to authority and the difference between internal approval and external binding effect. Explain why CA40/CA43 do not justify a conclusion without facts about the actor and transaction.
3. Finance — 20 marks. Under an agreed teaching formula, enterprise value is £5m, included debt £0.8m, included cash £0.2m and a working-capital shortfall reduces price by £0.1m. Calculate reference equity value and 60% secondary consideration. Explain how a separate £0.5m primary investment differs and why it cannot simply be added to seller proceeds.
4. Evidence — 15 marks. A support note says “settled”; the customer's email says “we accept the workaround without waiving our position.” Logs are due for deletion tomorrow. Prepare a neutral factual summary and prioritised next actions. Do not assume settlement or privilege from a label.
5. Drafting — 15 marks. Rewrite “Supplier will help quickly if the system fails” as a bounded educational service obligation using stated assumptions. Identify actor, trigger, action, timing, communication, evidence and a decision still needed. Do not pretend your chosen time is statutory.
6. AI evaluation — 15 marks. A tool flags 15 issues; nine are genuine, and the reviewed answer set contains 12 genuine issues. Calculate precision and recall, explain what they omit, and propose two tests or controls before any deployment.

Submission and criteria

Submit numbered answers, calculations and a short authorship declaration. Credit is given for accurate distinctions, application, usable next steps and explicit limitations. Unsupported certainty loses credit. A correct number without a visible method earns limited credit. No automatic professional certificate follows a quiz or exam score.

M1 | Core professional memorandum

Candidate brief

Individual, open source, 900 words maximum plus one table and a 150-word clause. Permitted AI assistance must be disclosed after your own initial issue analysis. You may discuss general methods, not exchange completed answers. This task contributes 15% of the proposed pathway grade.

Fictional Cedar Events receives an eight-session proposal for £16,000. It replies "agreed, including recordings." The supplier replies "dates confirmed," delivers two sessions without recordings and later misses a third. Cedar incurs £2,500 of documented replacement costs and claims £30,000 of reputational loss without supporting evidence. A purchase order says supplier standard terms do not apply; the supplier's acknowledgement refers to its own standard terms. The final contract set is uncertain.

Write to supervising counsel. Address the decision required, formation/terms alternatives, missing evidence, the missed-session issue, different loss assertions, options and a recommended next step. Propose one clause that would improve future scope/acceptance clarity; do not imply that a later draft alters the existing legal position. Attach a fact/assumption/source table and version log. Declare accepted/rejected AI suggestions if used.

Submission and criteria

Marking: legal/factual analysis 35; commercial options/prioritisation 20; writing and audience 20; proposed clause 15; evidence/process 10. The best answer need not choose a single final contractual conclusion where the record is incomplete. It must explain why uncertainty matters and what to do about it. Peer comments are permitted only on clarity and method; disclose them.