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Model Exams for the new e:EQE

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Model Exam Papers - Basis

- **Newly drafted questions:**
 - Typically – legal questions
- **Portions of exam papers from the Compendium**
 - For modules based on a specific technology

Model Exam Papers - Format

Formats of the example exams encompass

- True/False
 - Multiple choice
 - Drag-drop
- Where applicable, some indication is to be given, e.g., the legal basis or a reasoning why an amendment is not allowable
- Provide the legal basis (Article, Rule, Case Law, Guidelines, etc.)
 - Give a date
 - Give amount of a fee
 - Open questions (with max number of words)

Sometimes a mix of various formats

F1 Legal question

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Question 4

In which Articles of the PCT can a provision be found corresponding to the following Articles of the EPC?







Art. 56 EPC corresponds to Art. PCT

Art. 76 EPC corresponds to Art. PCT

Art. 82 EPC corresponds to Art. PCT

Art. 83 EPC corresponds to Art. PCT

Art. 84 EPC corresponds to Art. PCT

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Claim analysis

Question 4

a). The preamble and the characterising portion of Claim I. are correctly delimited vis-a-vis the prior art closure.

a True

b False

b). If you selected False above, please highlight in claim I. below the feature(s) which is(are) in the incorrect part of the claim.

Claim I.

A closure on a bottle, the closure comprising:

a sealing part comprising a metal foil and a polyester foil;

a thermoweldable material on a first surface of the sealing part for attaching the closure to an opening of the bottle, and

a tab part;

characterised in that

the tab part comprises a plastic film, a first part of the tab part being attached to a second surface of the sealing part, and a second part of the tab part serving as a pull-tab.

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Assessment of information

Task 1 - Application Description

[Application Description](#)

Document D1: Detergent weekly 20 (2007), page 156 (The document is considered relevant for the present invention)

[001] We report on a new development in dishwashing detergents. In recent years we have seen a departure from detergents in the form of powder towards detergents in the form of tablets. Tablets are more convenient for users, who now do not have to fill powder into a small compartment of a dishwasher. Furthermore, the dosage is always exact. This has advantages for both users and the environment.

[002] Tablets, however, have some inconveniences. Firstly, due to contact between them, tablets sometimes get damaged or even break. Secondly, due to contact with moisture in the air, the tablets lose some of their activity during storage.

[003] The new development that we are now reporting on concerns packaged tablets. The tablets are packaged in a pouch made of a polymer film that protects them. Furthermore, the pouch provides a protective environment, which largely avoids contact between tablets and moisture in the air. When a user wants to use a tablet, he or she only needs to open a pouch and put the tablet in a compartment of the dishwasher.

[004] A wide variety of polymers can be used for making the pouches. The preferred polymers are polyacrylates, polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), polyethers and polyesters. Films of these polymers are commercially available. The films need to be relatively thick so that the pouches remain stable when stored in a moist environment. Films having a thickness of 100 µm were found suitable.

[005] A pouch is produced by wrapping a tablet in a polymer film, which is then closed by heat sealing.

The claim shown below is the claim that is sent to you for review as patent attorney, before filing of the application. You are asked to obtain the broadest protection for you client. The claim should fulfil all requirements of Article 84 EPC and should be patentable with respect to the prior art described by the client. The client also sends you D1.

Claim: Dishwashing product, in which a dishwashing composition is packed in a film of PVA having a thickness of between 10 and 50 µm.

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dishwashing product	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
dishwashing composition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
film	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PVA	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10 to 50 µm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PVA has an average molecular weight of from 1 000 to 1 000 000 g/mol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10 to 20 µm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
two or more pouches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
pouches have varying thickness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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M1 Assessment of information

Patent Application filed on 14 January 2021

[Patent Application](#)

D1 (Automobile Technology Today, 39 (1970), May, No. 1, page 4)

[Document D1](#)

D2 (European Patent Application published in 2005)

[Document D2](#)

The applicant wishes to file a divisional application for the process of manufacturing the heat exchanger.

Please draft a Process Claim to the process of manufacturing the heat exchanger which is novel and inventive over D1 and D2, while providing the broadest possible protection:

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- Text-based (open questions)
- may be similar to current ABC (i.e. drafting and/or response and/or opposition)
- but it can also be different – variety of tasks (e.g. summons to OPs, appeal, proprietor’s response to opposition / appeal)

M3

Same principles as F1, F2 but more sophisticated questions (some of them open)

M4

“it’s like two slightly shorter D2s”

M2**M4**

Available in pdf here:

<https://www.epo.org/learning/eqe/new-eqe.html>
(tab *Model papers*)

Testing the Model Exams

The only way to test how the modules will work in practice is to do the example exam papers in the correct environment

- WISEflow works on any computer with administrative rights and on tablets (such as an iPad)
- WISEflow has no negative effect on the functioning of other software on the computer
- Model exams F1, F2, M1, M3 are available in WISEflow without the need to use the locked browser
- Model exams M2, M4 are essay-type, in WISEflow they require the use of the locked browser; but are also available in .pdf

Current EQE Versus the New e:EQE

The current EQE has become very predictable due to the established structure of the individual papers

- Many candidates regard it as *“a test of providing a solution to the exam”* and less as a test of knowledge and professional skills

The advantages of the new format are:

- Lower predictability of the structure of an individual paper
- Greater variety of tasks

This compensates for the limited time per task

New Format of the e:EQE

- **In the new format, the exams are shorter...**
- **...but the number of individual tasks is higher**
 - For the examination committees it becomes easier and faster to draft the exams; it allows to share the work in smaller chunks
 - Drafting two less complex and more varied tasks may be similarly demanding as drafting one more complex task which must comply with the established structure
 - More issues may be tested in one exam, because more issues could provide very different situations which would not normally be incorporated into the current exam structure

Marking the New e:EQE

- Machine correction of some exams or some parts of the exams is feasible, provided that the scoring tool has some flexibility
- However, in the beginning the exam papers should also be manually checked
- Some exam papers will always need to be manually checked

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The screenshot shows the EPO website interface. At the top left is the EPO logo with text in German, English, and French. To the right is a search bar and navigation buttons for 'Website' and 'Patents'. Further right are links for 'Press', 'Contact us', and a language dropdown set to 'English'. A dark navigation bar contains links for 'Home', 'Searching for patents', 'Applying for a patent', 'Law & practice', 'News & events', 'Learning', and 'About us'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Learning > European qualifying examination > New EQE'. A left sidebar lists menu items: 'About the EQE', 'New EQE' (highlighted), 'myEQE', 'Conditions for registration and enrolment', 'Registration as candidate', 'Enrolment', 'EQE notices and downloads', 'Compendium (past papers, examiners' reports)', 'EQE online', and 'Results and statistics'. The main content area features the title 'New EQE - Proposal and consultation' with 'Print' and 'Share' icons. Below the title is a paragraph: 'A proposal for the new EQE is now available and an open consultation will be launched to enable all interested parties to give their feedback on it. As a first step, the concept of the new EQE is presented.' This is followed by another paragraph: 'The consultation will be launched in the second half of May and will remain open until 15 July 2022. To be able to access the model papers, please register via the link under "Model papers" below. Feedback will be collected by means of a questionnaire. The answers to the questionnaire will be evaluated by the EPO-epi working group.' Below this text is a row of four buttons: 'Introduction', 'Proposal' (highlighted), 'Model papers', and 'Questionnaire'. At the bottom, a partial paragraph begins: 'The European qualifying framework proposed for the next generation of patent attorneys is a competences-based system that builds on the existing EQE to bring it closer to today's profession, adjust it to the digital environment, refine the approach'.

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This section provides details of the concept behind the proposal and the tested competences, as well as a description of the modules.

- A competence based modular proposal
- Competences
- Tables summarising the modules

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Introduction

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Model papers

Questionnaire

Model papers (modules) have been prepared to show how the new system might look. To enable you to experience the full range of digital possibilities available, we strongly recommend registering via the link below to get access to the online examination platform (Wiseflow). When registering, please indicate a valid email address that will not change for the next few months. Please register even if you already have a Wiseflow account.

For all those who have registered by 19 May 2022, user accounts will be created in the week starting on 23 May 2022. It is expected that the model papers will also be made available in the course of this week. For those who register after 19 May 2022, user accounts will be created on a weekly basis.

You will receive an automated email from Wiseflow with an activation link.

➤ **Register now**

All model papers are available in Wiseflow. Additionally, you have access to the pdfs of M2 and M4 here:

[M2 - Example A](#)

[M2 - Example B](#)

[M4 - Part 1](#)

[M4 - Part 2](#)

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Your feedback is important and will help to pave the way for an adjusted design of the EQE.

The dedicated questionnaire is open until 15 July 2022 and offers a wide range of multiple-choice questions as well as the option of a free text answer.

➤ [Questionnaire](#)

Further Webinars by epi

- **Modules M3&M4**
Monday 4 July 5-6 pm CEST
- **Modules F1&F2**
Tuesday 5 July 5-6 pm CEST
- **Modules M1&M2**
Wednesday 6 July 5-6 pm CEST

**Thank you
for your attention!**
Questions?