

Questions and Selected Answers

Dear NWCU Student/Graduate,

Please be sure to remember that studying 'Black Letter Law' and practicing bar examination writing skills are critically important to your achieving success on the California General Bar Examination (CBX). Particularly, as to writing skills, you must write with specific detail and in the style that is typical for passing answers on the CBX. I suspect that there are individuals who take the CBX in California without having ever looked at an actual California Bar Exam essay question and an actual passing answer, though they may have prepared very well for the examination in many other ways. In my opinion, it's a mistake to not read and analyze a good number, if not all, of those that are available. Those who do so will take the exam knowing exactly the type of answers that are required.

You can learn a lot of 'Black Letter Law' by reading actual bar essay questions and answers while also learning the method and style of writing that is typically found in passing answers. Without a doubt, it is an excellent way for you to QUICKLY EXPAND your knowledge of the law, as well as your ability to write in a way that is necessary to satisfy the bar examiners. Reading all of the questions and answers that are available should be helpful. In fact, if you are up to the task, printing them and placing them in a loose-leaf binder for a thorough review is a good idea. However, reading them on your computer screen is fine too.

The hyperlinks provided below make available to you many years of past CBX essay questions and actual passing answers. I really can't overstate the value of reading them. But, of course, only do so if reading them does not in any way hinder any bar review course study, or other important review, in which you may be currently engaged.

California Bar Examination Essay Questions and Selected Answers

(Right Click On Your Mouse To Open the Questions and Selected Answers In New Windows Using the Below Links)

A. Examination Essay Questions and Selected Answers

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February 2022	July 2022
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California Performance Tests and Selected Answers

Since the [answers to the performance test section of the bar examination count double when compared to the essay answers](#), reading a large number of performance test questions and answers is also a very important thing to do.

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B. [\(New Format - 90 Minutes\)](#) California Performance Tests and Selected Answers

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C. (Old Format - 3 Hours) California Performance Tests and Selected Answers

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Best wishes,

Michael Clancey, Dean

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