



New Exam Topic Post – Updated June 3rd!

Post Date: May 23rd, 2011

Hi All,

Below are the main MPEP concepts that we encountered on our exam this week:

1. Several questions dealing with when to allow the submission of documents with a copied signature.
2. Several patentable subject matter questions covered by 35 U.S.C. 101.
3. 4 questions related to KSR and Bilski, all of which have been posted on the Exam Question Post.
4. Obviousness questions dealing with the rules, rejection and when you can use 1.131.
5. Quite a few Reissue questions dealing with the various aspects of whether you can or cannot broaden a Reissue or if an assignee can file one, can an assignee file.
6. Questions dealing with getting around statutory and nonstatutory double patenting.
7. Quite a few questions on 35 U.S.C. 112 dealing with enablement, written description, is there support in the specification, etc.
8. Many questions on Appeal, which covered when you can file what, the effect of an RCE, what your options are before and after each of the milestones, and what happens to the various types of claims upon the withdrawal or abandonment of the application.

Post Date: May 16th, 2011

Hi All,

Below are the main MPEP concepts covered on our exam this week:

1. LOTS of appeal, examiner new grounds, board new grounds.
2. Most PCT questions were on what is needed to get a filing date, when the U.S. is a competent receiving office, or not being able to get a filing date or national stage entry.
3. 5 KSR obviousness questions. Just memorize the notices and the questions are no problem.
4. Only 2 or 3 questions on 35 U.S.C. 101 eligibility.

Post Date: May 9th, 2011

Hi All,

Below are the main MPEP concepts covered on our exam this Week:

1. PCT
2. Appeal
3. 102 rejections
4. 103 rejections
5. Reissue
6. Amendments
7. Assignment of parent application and its application to a divisional application
8. RCE
9. Reexamination
10. Restriction
11. Double patenting
12. New matter

Post Date: May 2nd, 2011

Hi All,

Below are the main MPEP Sections covered on in our exam (the Interim Guideline questions are covered in the Question Post). You will also notice that we've moved the Question Breakdown by Chapter to this post, as it is more relevant to the topics being tested on the exam than the actual questions themselves.

1. Heavily tested concepts: PCT, Appeal, 102 rejections, 103 rejections (and art under 103c), reissue and amendments.
2. There was more than one question on: Assignment (assignment of parent application applies to divisional applications), RCE, reexam, restriction, double patenting, and new matter.
3. Concepts surprisingly missing (but sure to be covered eventually): Claiming small entity status, inventorship, interviews, petition to make special, and CIP applications.

May 2nd Question Breakdown by Chapter

Chapter	Number of Questions
100 Secrecy, Access, National Security, and Foreign Filing	2
200 Types, Cross-Noting, and Status of Application	1
300 Ownership and Assignment	1
400 Representative of Inventor or Owner	3
500 Receipt and Handling of Mail and Papers	1
600 Parts, Form, and Content of Application	1
700 Examination of Applications	19
800 Restriction in Applications Filed Under 35 U.S.C. 111; Double Patenting	1
900 Prior Art, Classification, Search	1
1000 Matters Decided by Various Patent and Trademark Office Officials	0
1100 Statutory Invention Registration (SIR) and Pre-Grant Publication (PG Pub)	1
1200 Appeal	14
1300 Allowance and Issue	2
1400 Correction of Patents	14
1500 Design Patents	1
1600 Plant Patents	0
1700 Miscellaneous	0
1800 Patent Cooperation Treaty	19
1900 Protest	1
2000 Duty of Disclosure	1

2100 Patentability	13
2200 Citation of Prior Art and Reexamination of Patents	5
2300 Interference Proceedings	1
2400 Biotechnology	0
2500 Maintenance Fees	1
2600 Optional Inter Partes Reexamination	1
2700 Patent Terms and Extensions	1
KSR, Bilski, and the new 112 guidelines	5

Post Date: April 26th, 2011

Hi All,

Below are the main MPEP Sections covered on in our exam (the Interim Guideline questions are covered in the Question Post). Due to your emails we are going to post just major exam topics not individual MPEP sections.

1. Heavily tested concepts:

PCT, Appeal, 102 rejections, 103 rejections (and art under 103c), reissue and amendments.

2. There was more than one question on each of these topics:

Assignment (assignment of parent application applies to divisional applications), RCE, reexam, restriction, double patenting, and new matter.

3. Concepts surprisingly missing (but sure to be covered eventually):

Claiming small entity status, inventorship, interviews, petition to make special, and CIP applications.

Post Date: April 17th, 2011

Hi All,

Sorry about the delay in publishing this, but we ran into some difficulty registering to sit for the new exam on April 12, 2011. So, instead we had to sit for the April 15th exam. Below are the main MPEP Sections covered on in our exam (the Interim Guideline questions are covered in the Question Post).

1. 103
2. 201.04(b)
3. 302.02
4. 306
5. 402
6. 406
7. 608.01(i)
8. 608.01(j)
9. 609
10. 709
11. 708.02
12. 713.01
13. 714.02
14. 714.03
15. 715.04
16. 804.02
17. 809.03
18. 901.02
19. 1204
20. 1205.01
22. 1207.03
23. 1207.03
24. 1810
25. 1817.02
26. 1828
27. 1834.01
28. 1893.02
29. 1401
30. 1402

31. 1411
32. 1412.04
33. 1414
34. 1453
35. 2106
36. 2107
37. 2121
38. 2125
39. 2133.02
40. 2209
41. 2248
42. 2258
43. 2301.3
44. 2307
45. 2609
46. 2612

