



MPEP Breakdown Course

Patent Bar Tips & Facts

Worksheet

The MPEP Breakdown training course will provide you with a clear vision of what the Patent Bar is all about along with many tips for passing it. It also covers a chapter-by-chapter breakdown of the MPEP. Take notes, keep an outline of the things you learn, and you'll get the most out of the training.

Use this worksheet to follow along during the first half of the training. A second worksheet will be available to you for the second half of the training. Follow along with the video training and answer the questions on the next few pages.

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1. About half (or sometimes even more than half) of the people who go in to take the Patent Bar exam fail it.

☐ True

☐ False

2. Fill-in-the blanks as you watch the videos. This table refers to the biggest challenges for many people taking the exam.

| <u>Problem</u> | <u>Solution</u> |
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| | Study plan tells them what to do every day. |
| Don't realize how much information there is. | |
| Not pacing themselves. | |

3. What study plan do you want to use?

For this question it's important to consider how much time you have to prepare for the Patent Bar exam each week. If you are in a situation where you have a deadline then use the details below to gauge how much time you'll need to study each week.

*The majority of the clients I speak with use the 3 or 6 month plan (we provide them in full detail in the complete course), but any of these plan are possibilities for you. Please be sure you actually have the time available along with the willingness to spend the required amount of study time before you commit to one of the shorter plans.

Study Plan Options:

| <u>1 Month*</u> | <u>2 Months</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7 days per week | 5 to 6 days per week |
| 30 to 50+ hours of weekly study | 20 to 35 hours of weekly study |

* The 1 month plan is not ideal. We have only heard from a handful of past clients who were actually able to pass the Patent Bar with this limited amount of time. You would need to have a very open schedule because you will need to spend all day studying. Even if you do have the time available please realize that not everyone will be able to keep up with the required pace and get through enough of the content and practice questions to pass.

| <u>3 Months</u> | <u>6 Months</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4 to 5 days per week | 3 to 4 days per week |
| 10 to 25 hours of study per week | 5 to 15 hours of study per week |

| <u>9 Months</u> | <u>12 Months*</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 (sometimes 4) days per week | 2 (sometimes 3) days per week |
| 4 to 10 hours of weekly study | 3 to 6 hours of weekly study |

*Many people wind up spending a whole year preparing for the exam which is fine, however you will need to invest more time on a final review. We suggest spending 1 month on your final review in our 12-month study plan because you may not be able to retain the information over the entire year. A shorter study plan like the 3 month plan will require you to retain the information over a much shorter length of time therefore you'll need less time for a final review. The main point to make is with a more extended study plan like a 12 month plan you will need to review much of the material more than once. It's important to factor that into your decision

4. What's the average salary for a Patent Agent?
5. Why do you want to pass the Patent Bar? Even if it's different than the reason given in the video, it's important for you to find YOUR reason. Please list it here.
6. Which of the following is NOT true?
- A. There are 3 exam formats; paper and pencil, computerized, and solo.
 - B. Just like the paper and pencil exam, test takers may not bring their study materials or notes during the test.
 - C. All reference materials will be provided in the testing software.
 - D. For both versions, the same reference materials are provided which includes the MPEP and any exam notices or supplements.
 - E. There is no advantage to taking the paper and pencil version of the exam.
7. Out of the 100 questions (on either format of the exam), only 90 are scored.
- ☐ True
 - ☐ False

8. Since only 90 of the questions are scored, you need to answer _____ scored test questions correctly in order to meet a passing score of _____
9. The USPTO will provide _____ days notice before updating the Patent Bar exam.
10. Which of the following is true concerning USPTO updates for the Patent Bar?
- A. Many times both the old and the new material is covered on the exam and often you need to know both versions.
 - B. Often the new material includes additional material.
 - C. Sometimes a new supplement is added.
 - D. Sometimes a new chapter of the MPEP is added in.
 - E. All of the above.
11. Which of the following is NOT true regarding MPEP revision changes?
- A. The publication of a new revision can include substantially new and updated material.
 - B. Sometimes whole chapters are added during a revision.
 - C. New Editions are published every year.
 - D. Edition 9 of the MPEP is the currently tested Edition and will be for years to come.
 - E. Appendix L includes a listing of all the Patent Laws covered in United States Code Title 35 - Patents.

12. Fill-in-the-blanks for the table below. This table pertains to the section that discusses why the exam is so difficult.

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| | <u>The Test</u> |
| The volume. | |
| The complexity. | |
| | The search function the day of the exam is very limited. |
| | The test questions ask you to apply the facts. |

13. Which aspect of the exam do you think will make it most difficult for you?

14. You should have the time to look up all the questions on exam day if you practice enough at searching using the MPEP.

☐ True

☐ False