

## Description and Tips on the Multistate Bar Examination

The Multistate Bar Examination generally is administered **on the second day** of the two day Maryland Bar Examination. This examination is a multiple-choice test of six hours' duration. **Three hours are allotted to the morning session and three hours will be allotted to the afternoon session.**

Between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., prior to the "time" beginning to run at 9:00 a.m., you will be given your morning session question book with the answer sheet inside. The question book will be sealed. Before breaking the seal, you will be told to read the instructions on the back of the question book.

You will then be told to break the seal, remove the answer sheet, and **CLOSE** the cover of the question book. You will then be told to write the code number for this State in the appropriate blocks on the answer sheet and blacken out the corresponding numbered circles below. **The Maryland Code Number is 21.** You will then be told to write your **Applicant Number** in the appropriate blocks and blacken out the corresponding numbered circles below. **Your applicant number is your Seat Number and is to be expressed in five digits.** This is done by preceding your seat number with the necessary number of leading zeroes (0's). In every instance there will be at least one "0" in front of your seat number. You will then be told to write in the numerals equivalent of the **month, day, and year of your birth.** For example, if you were born on January 9, 1960, you would insert 01, 09, and 60 in the appropriate boxes and blacken the corresponding numbered circles below. You also will be asked to print your name on side 2 of your answer sheet and blacken the corresponding lettered circles.

In addition to the identification procedures noted above, you will be asked to compare the test form number and the book number with the numbers on the answer sheet to make certain they agree. You will also be asked to write **your seat number** (which also is **your applicant number**) in the appropriate place on the cover of the question book.

If, at any point, you have a question concerning what you are to do, you should request the assistance of the proctor assigned to your seat number area. It is suggested that you observe your proctor at the time the test materials are distributed to you so you will be able to identify which proctor you should approach for any assistance you might need.

Computer scanners are used in scoring the answer sheet and assigning that score to the applicant's examination number in the jurisdiction indicated on the answer sheet by the candidate. You will, therefore, realize the absolute necessity that this information be **accurately and legibly** furnished on the answer sheet.

You should try to work quickly and accurately. Do not spend too much time on any one question, but go to other questions and return to difficult questions later if you have time.

You should mark only one response to each question. Be sure your marks completely blacken the circle on the answer sheet, but do not mark outside the circle. If you wish to change your answers, erase the incorrect answer completely before making a new choice.

You may write in your test booklet if you wish, but **be sure to mark all your answers on your answer sheet.** No extra time will be given for anyone who fails to comply with this direction.

If your test booklet or answer sheet is defective, raise your hand and your proctor will give you another one.

The scores are based on the number of questions answered correctly. Since no deductions are made

for wrong answers, it is advisable to answer every question, but do not delay unduly in any question which is difficult for you.

All the instructions given in this announcement will be repeated on the morning of the examination. Nevertheless, the information included herein should be helpful in answer to some questions you may have.

Furthermore, **the specific instructions for filling in the identification information on the answer sheet will be repeated at the beginning of the afternoon session.** There is no need for concern that you may not remember the instructions given preparatory to the morning session.

**THE MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION MUST BE ANSWERED WITH A SOFT LEAD (#2) PENCIL.** You should bring your own supply of pencils.