

ALBERTA LAND SURVEYORS' ASSOCIATION
PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS
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THE SURVEYING PROFESSION
(Closed Book Exam)

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Time Limit: 3 hours

1. One of the articles of the ALSA Code of Ethics is “Professional Services: An Alberta Land Surveyor should assess and receive fair and just compensation from his client, commensurate with the technical complexity, level of responsibility and liability potential of the services performed”.
- 10** a) Describe, in detail, the principles of this article.
2. Past President G. K. (Ken) Allred, ALS in the reference text Survey Law in Canada (chapter on The Surveying Profession) observed:
“Many of the fields of professional practice are conducive to the establishment of minimum standards or standard procedures. Minimum standards adopted by an association are usually based on the practices of specialists in the field and may often involve outside consultation with knowledgeable clientele...”
- 2** a) Which Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association document encompasses the minimum standards of the Association?
- 2** b) Within which ALSA Committee was this minimum standard created?
- 6** c) Discuss the issue of whether this minimum standard is a guideline or a mandatory requirement paying special attention to its status in the court of law.
3. We think of engineering, law, medicine, and land surveying as professions.
- 5** a) Define a profession, within the context of the Land Surveyors Act in Alberta.
- b) What responsibilities do Alberta Land Surveyors have to their:
- 5** i) profession;
- 5** ii) practice;
- 5** iii) client;
- 5** iv) employer, and
- 5** v) employee/article pupil?

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- 10** 4. What is the role and purpose of the Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association?
- 10** 5. An Alberta Land Surveyor may be required to appear in court as an expert witness.
a) Describe the role and qualifications of an expert witness.
6. The following questions pertain to a client request for a land surveyor's digital plan product from the land surveyor's place of previous employment:
- 5** a) Explain whether digital plans from a previous employment should, or should not be released and provide the reason for this decision.
- 5** b) Discuss the land surveyor's, the client's, and the prior employer's ownership rights with respect to the digital plan product.
7. The liability of all professionals, including Alberta Land Surveyors, may be divided into three broad categories, namely Tort, Contract, and Professional.
- 10** a) Describe, in detail, the difference between liability in negligence and liability in contract for an Alberta Land Surveyor.
- 10** b) Please list five key obligations of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association in fulfilling its function to protect the public, as a self-governing professional organization.

100 Total

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