

## **PCLL CONVERSION EXAMINATION JANUARY 2018**

Title of Paper : Hong Kong Legal System  
Date : 8 January 2018  
Time : 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### **Instructions**

1. Write your **candidate number** on the cover of each answer book. Do **NOT** write your name in the answer book.
2. Start each answer on a separate page of the answer book.
3. Write your answers only in the answer books provided.
4. This is a one and a half-hours examination.
5. **NO** reading time is designated for this paper.
6. This is a closed book examination.
7. This paper consists of 2 pages, including three questions. Candidates are only required to answer **TWO** questions out of three. A total of 100 marks may be awarded.
8. Each question is worth 50 marks.
9. The passing mark for this paper is 50 marks.

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**Question 1 (50 marks)**

Is Hong Kong's system of government characterized by 'separation of powers'? Should it be? Critically discuss.

**Question 2 (50 marks)**

What is the difference between the 'thin' and 'thick' accounts (also described as the 'formalist' and 'substantive' accounts) of the rule of law? Which version do you believe most accurately reflects the rule of law in Hong Kong? Why?

**Question 3 (50 marks)**

Identify arguments both for and against the ban on 'contingency fees' (also known as 'conditional fees') in Hong Kong.

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