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To Tort Law Teachers who examine in whole or in part by final examination:

1. What is the percentage weight attached to the final tort law examination in relation to the total course assessment? (eg 100% of total course assessment, 50% etc) 69.3%
2. What is the usual duration of your final examination? (eg 2.5 hours) 2.8 hours
3. How many questions is a student required to answer in your typical final examination? 2.9
4. Do students have a choice of questions on your typical final examination? Y/N Yes (6), No (13)
5. If there is choice of questions, what is the total number of questions typically on your examination? N/A (13), average of 5 questions (from 9 answers)
6. What percentage of the questions is hypothetical problem-style as opposed to essay-style (eg 100% of the questions, 50% etc)? 79%
7. Are the problem-style questions fictional, in the sense of being the product of your own invention/imagination? Y/N Yes (18), Sometimes (2), No (3)
8. Would you describe your typical problem-style question as consisting of a carefully designed fact pattern that manages to address a range of issues you wish to assess within that question? Y/N Yes (22)
9. Would you describe your typical problem-style question as consisting of a fact pattern of events which, while individually possible, occur in a sequence which is exaggerated and thus unlikely actually to happen? Y/N Yes (12), Sometimes (1), No (9)
10. Would you describe your typical problem-style question as consisting of a fact pattern that is entirely possible, in the sense that in its entirety it reflects the sort of event or sequence of events that might realistically happen in the daily life of your community? Y/N Yes (9), No (9), N/A (1), Sometimes (3)
11. Do any of your problem-style examination questions involve the wholesale adoption of the facts of true-to-life events that have been reported in the local media? Y/N Yes (6), No (12), Sometimes (4)
12. Here you can write anything you feel is needed to qualify or explain any of your responses above: