

0175-021/521 Level 2 Floristry– Theory Exam

March 2023

Examiner Report

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Introduction

This document has been prepared by the Chief Examiner, it is designed to be used as a feedback tool for centres to use in order to enhance teaching and preparation for assessment. It is advised that this document be referred to when preparing to teach and then again when candidates are preparing to sit examinations for City & Guilds Technical qualifications.

This report provides general commentary on candidate performance and highlights common themes in relation to the technical aspects explored within the assessment, giving areas of strengths and weakness demonstrated by the cohort of candidates who sat the **March 2023** examination series. It will explain aspects which caused difficulty and potentially why the difficulties arose, whether it was caused by a lack of knowledge, incorrect examination technique or responses that failed to demonstrate the required depth of understanding.

The document provides commentary on the following assessment;

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Theory Exam – March 2023

Grade Boundaries and distribution

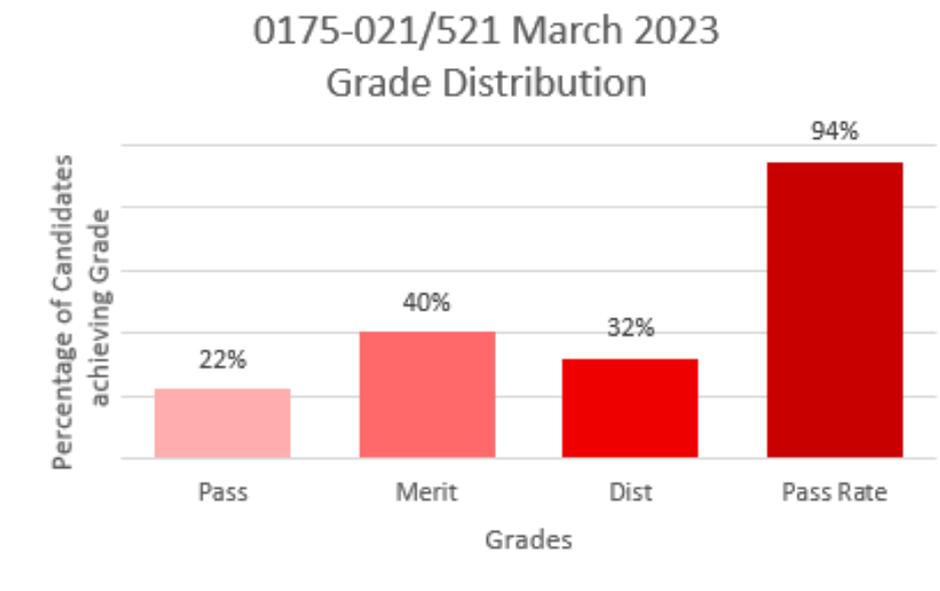
Assessment: **0175-021/521**

Series: **March 2023**

Below identifies the final grade boundaries for this assessment, as agreed by the awarding panel:

Total marks available	50
Pass mark	23
Merit mark	30
Distinction mark	38

The graph below shows the approximate distribution of grades and pass rates for this assessment:



Chief Examiner Commentary

General Comments on Candidate Performance

Assessment component: 0175-021/521

Series 1 (March)

The paper was set at the appropriate level, was consistent with the test specification and featured a mixture of AO1 recall, AO2 understanding and AO4 applied knowledge questions. The terminology and technical content assessed in the question paper was to the correct level 2 standard.

Most candidates demonstrated a good recall of knowledge relating to design principles and customer service questions. Many candidates demonstrated good understanding of the theory of colour. Questions that could be related to regular practices of a junior florist within the industry were answered well; showing clear evidence of recall, understanding and application to practical work.

Higher scoring candidates demonstrated the ability to recall knowledge across all areas and apply to a given scenario.

Some candidates lost marks on the question relating to the identification of plant materials where a picture was not given. Candidates showed a weakness on AO2 True/False statement questions.

Many lower and some middle group scoring candidates demonstrated weaknesses in both the knowledge and understanding questions that related to Unit 202 - Working in the Floristry industry and Unit 204 - Caring for and maintaining fresh materials.

Higher scoring candidates performed well on the AO4 questions linked to a scenario. Lower scoring candidates struggled on these, losing marks on several AO4 questions; in particular fresh materials and seasonality. Questions relating to colour harmonies and floral designs were answered well across the full range of scores.

An awareness of the importance of exam technique should also be considered in effectively preparing candidates. Candidates need to be reminded to take care and read the questions carefully.

Centres are reminded of the City & Guilds Technicals 'Exam Guides' available here

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/land-based-services/horticulture/0174-technical-in-horticulture-and-forestry-arboriculture#tab=documents>