

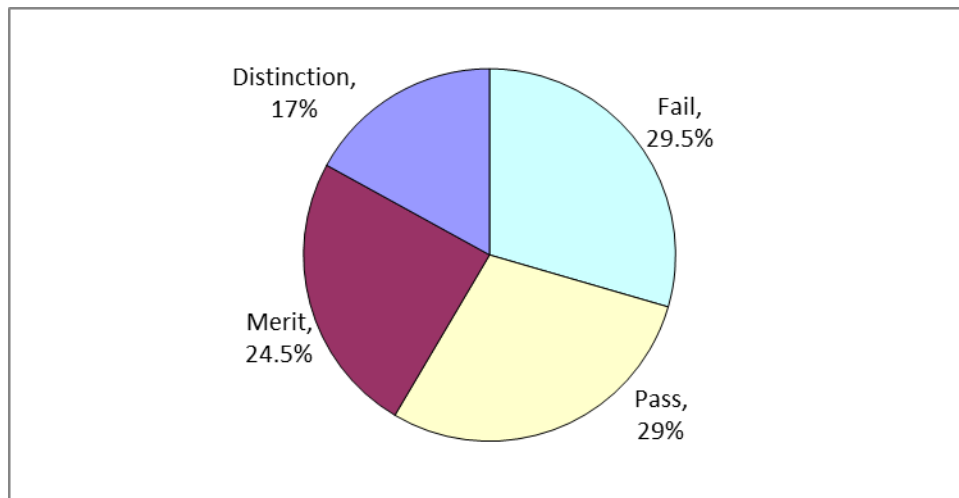


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**January 2012 series - Examiner's report**

**4415-01-200 Level 2 Award in Medical Terminology**

**4419-01/02-220 Level 2/3 Certificate/Diploma in Medical Administration/Secretaries**



**Areas of good performance**

A number of candidates gained high marks in this examination. Congratulations are deserved for both candidates and tutors.

Question 3a and 3b (2.1, 2.2, & 3.2)

These questions were well answered by most candidates.

Question 4b (3.1)

The majority of candidates answered this question well although answers to anaesthesiology caused some problems. The definitions are provided in a list by City & Guilds so should not have produced problems.

Question 5 (4.1)

This was also generally well answered by many candidates with several candidates gaining full marks. Some candidates gained good marks here even though their knowledge was poor concerning other areas of the paper.



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## Areas for improvement

### Question 1a (1.1)

There were some very good answers here but several of the word parts were quite unknown by many candidates. The word part -plasia was often confused with -phasia.

### Question 1b (1.2 & 1.3)

Some poor answers were given for this question with some candidates not knowing the use of the combining vowel. Others made up medical words, which do not exist. Many candidates' answers show a lack of understanding of the context of medical terminology. It is essential that tutors teach their candidates an understanding of terms and their application. Tutors need to ensure that candidates have a basic understanding of areas of the body and its organs which is essential if medical terminology is to be used correctly.

### Question 2 (1.3 & 2.1)

Some candidates were unable to identify common words in this question and showed a lack of understanding of their context in relation to the body. Many candidates failed to explain their answers fully.

### Question 4a (1.2 & 2.1)

There were some very good answers by a few candidates but this question caused difficulty for the weaker ones. A thorough knowledge of the subject is necessary to achieve full marks for this question. Some candidates did give excellent answers, gaining full marks, which demonstrated an extensive knowledge of the subject. Spelling of medical terms was often poor by weaker candidates and there was indication of some candidates having no knowledge of terms for some common areas of the body (eg surgical removal of the breast).

## Medical terms least known

poly-	jejuno-	blepharo-	multi-	-plasia	iatro-
pharmaco-	clavicle	osteomalacia	arthrodesis	leucocytosis	thrombus
fracture	haemophilia	pneumonia	ocular	anaesthesiology	



## Meanings

Inflammation of the gums	a white discharge from the vagina	tumour of a lymph gland
Main artery of the body	inflammation of the fallopian (uterine) tubes	

## Abbreviations

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## Recommendations and Tips

It is essential that candidates take the time to read and understand what is asked in the questions. Candidates lost marks by not reading the questions carefully.

Tutors should ensure that candidates understand word parts and their context. **Common examples** for each one should be taught together with their context, as a basic requirement, so that the candidates have a sound knowledge of medicine and common procedures. This will help them to avoid making errors in their interpretation.

A basic knowledge of the body organs and its areas are necessary in order that candidates understand the terms they are learning. Common medical terms relating to each body system in outcome two should also be taught. The recommended textbooks cover these requirements.

In order for candidates to have a good understanding of the subject, tutors need to have a wide knowledge of medical terminology and its application. Many medical terms have a completely different meaning than the literal interpretation. Some candidates gave the answer - lover of blood for haemophilia.

Accuracy in the medical world is imperative.

Tutors need to read the guidelines for this qualification, carefully. City & Guilds provide detailed information within the specification.

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