

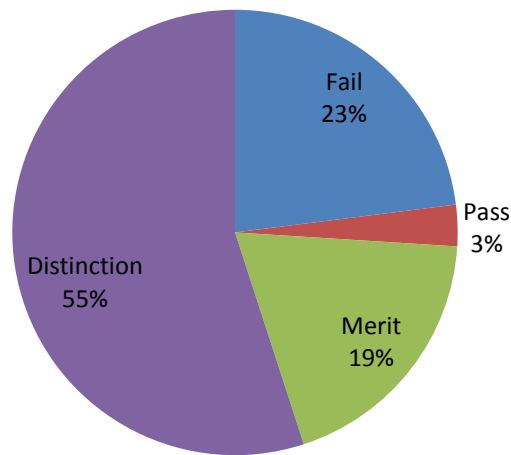


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4415-200/4419-220 - Level 2 Award in Medical Terminology

Examiner's report - June 2014 Series



The pass mark range for this examination is 70%. However, as each examination paper is unique there can be slight variations of difficulty from series to series – which means that students are required to gain either more or fewer raw marks to compensate and to gain a pass.

Areas of good performance

There were some excellent answers in this examination, candidates gained high marks.

Question 3a and 3b

These questions which involve matching medical terms and word parts with given definitions were well answered by most candidates.

Question 4b

The majority of candidates also answered this question well. The required definitions are provided in the City & Guilds qualification handbook. Tutors should ensure candidates are familiar with these guidelines.

Question 5

This question was generally well answered by many candidates. A large number of students, who showed a lack of knowledge in other areas of the paper, achieved full marks for this rote learning of pharmaceutical abbreviations.



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Areas for improvement

Question 1a

There were some excellent answers but several of the word parts were quite unknown despite their common usage.

Question 1b

Again, several candidates failed to answer the required first four word parts given in question 1a and used other word parts. This reduced the total marks of some otherwise very good papers. Tutors need to ensure that candidates have a basic understanding of areas of the body and its organs, as this is essential if medical terminology is to be used correctly.

Question 2

Some candidates were unable to identify common words in this question. Many students failed to explain their answers fully. An understanding of the terms was demonstrated by some excellent candidates whilst others struggled to demonstrate the true meaning of words. The literal translation of a medical term is sometimes an incorrect interpretation and tutors should ensure that candidates understand this.

Question 4a

There were some very good answers by a few candidates but this question as always caused difficulty for the weaker ones. A thorough knowledge of the subject is necessary to achieve full marks for this question. A few students did give excellent answers, gaining full marks, which demonstrated an extensive knowledge of the subject. Spelling of medical terms was often poor by weaker students.

As usual with some candidates, spelling continues to be a problem both in English and in medical terminology. This is of concern in the medical field where accuracy is essential in order to avoid potentially serious errors.

Medical terms least known

Auto-	vaso-	mammo-	-cele	homo-	oligo-	
Hyperglycaemia	myoma		otorrhoea	ileostomy	kyphosis	costal
Pharyngitis	patella	histopathology				

Meanings

Cutting into the abdominal wall	tumour of a gland	a stone in the biliary system
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Abbreviations

HRT	BNF	on
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Recommendations and Tips

Read the question! Candidates lost marks by not reading the questions carefully. This was especially common in question 1b where some candidates failed to use only the word parts indicated, losing valuable marks.

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

It is essential that tutors have a wide working knowledge of medical terminology and its application.

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