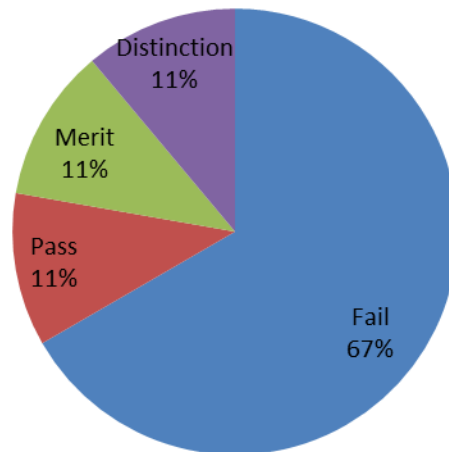




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**Level 3 Certificate in Medical Terminology
4415-300 & 4419-330 February 2013 Examiner's Report**



The pass mark range for this examination is 75%. 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 a few excellent candidates who showed a wide knowledge and understanding of medical terms and their usage, who achieved very high marks in this examination. They demonstrated ability across the whole examination paper and fully deserve credit for their endeavours. Tutors are also to be congratulated.

Question 1

The majority of candidates scored well on this question although no 12, 14 and 15 were least well answered. (See later lists)

Questions 4, 5 & 6

These were fairly well answered by the majority of candidates.

Areas for improvement

There were some very poor papers demonstrating lack of knowledge and understanding of the stated terms. Unfortunately, spelling was poor in some candidates' answers and many failed to demonstrate an understanding of the required medical terms giving an indication of having no idea of medical context.



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Question 2

Although there were a few excellent answers, many candidates failed to show sufficient knowledge in this question. Some answers demonstrated a purely semantic approach producing manufactured medical terms, which are not used in the medical field; too many candidates are simply joining word parts together without any understanding of the correct terms for genuine medical conditions. Students should be taught medical terminology using examples of real medical terms within a medical context. Although many correct terms may be produced in this way, others being produced do simply not exist. A thorough knowledge of the subject is required by the tutor in order to give understanding to the students.

Questions 3 & 7

These questions produced difficulty for numerous weaker candidates. There is obvious evidence of simply rote learning by many candidates, which unfortunately fails to achieve the correct explanation. The context of the question for question number seven should assist students who have a deeper knowledge of medical terms and conditions.

Medical terms least known

Ulceration	bronchospasm	vertigo	tinnitus		
Arrest of bleeding		outside of or beyond the normal area			
Nystagmus	parotitis	goitre	scapula	biopsy	cortex
paraplegia	Aphasic	haemoglobin	anaemia		
Ad-	ortho-	crypto-	linguo-	phreno-	-emesis
-philia					

Abbreviations

ANS SSRI HVS SOBOE FHH troch qqh

Recommendations and tips

Take care to read the paper carefully. Candidates who do not read the question properly make silly mistakes. Marks are awarded for correct spelling of medical terms. Some candidates continue to give semantic answers when translating medical terms. The literal meaning is not necessarily the proper meaning of a medical word as in any language. The context of the body structures will help candidates in their understanding of medical conditions. Some knowledge of the body is essential in order to understand medical terminology and its application. Tutors require a sound working knowledge of the subject in order to give correct tuition to their students. Medical terminology is in context and appropriate answers show understanding of this.