

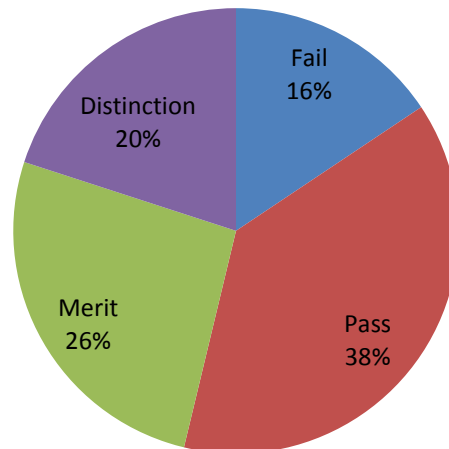


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Examiner's report Level 3 Certificate in Medical Terminology

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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 some excellent candidates who showed a wide knowledge and understanding of medical terms and their usage, achieving very high marks. They gave full explanations in their answers and demonstrated ability across the whole examination paper. Accuracy in the medical field is vital and these candidates and their tutors are to be congratulated.

Question 4 The majority scored well on this question, which is a matching-choice with the choice of answers given.

Question 5&6 These were well answered by the majority of candidates.

Areas for improvement

There were some very poor papers demonstrating lack of knowledge and understanding. Spelling was poor and many failed to demonstrate an understanding of the required medical terms giving an indication of having no idea of medical context.

Question 1&7 Many candidates failed to show sufficient knowledge although there were a few excellent answers. Some answers were ambiguous and lacked clarity. Answers should be clear and concise.



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Question 2&3 These questions produced difficulty for weaker candidates as usual with obvious guessing by the some students. Some answers given indicated a complete lack of understanding of the body and the terms applied. Incorrect use of the combining vowel and incorrect spelling were widely apparent with weaker students.

Question 5&6 Although well answered by the majority of candidates, some failed to answer many of these correctly even though lists of abbreviations and word parts are provided by C&G.

Medical terms least known

Aetiology	genetic	obstetrics	physiotherapy	glycosuria	myositis
Neoplasm	proctoscopy	pruritis	mastitis neutropenia	jejunoscopy	
Pleurisy	cerebellar	sacrum	lithotripsy	microcytic	
Infarct					

Abbreviations

ERCP NBI Na K on

Word parts

Poly- aorto- onco- urethro- -stasis Poly-

Recommendations and tips

Care should be taken to read the questions carefully. Candidates who do not read the question properly make avoidable 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 and by doing this candidates show a lack of any real knowledge or understanding of what is required. Clear concise answers are required and this enables the examiner to know that the candidate has the proper knowledge. A few candidates give alternative answers with completely different meanings. Only the first answer is marked.

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.