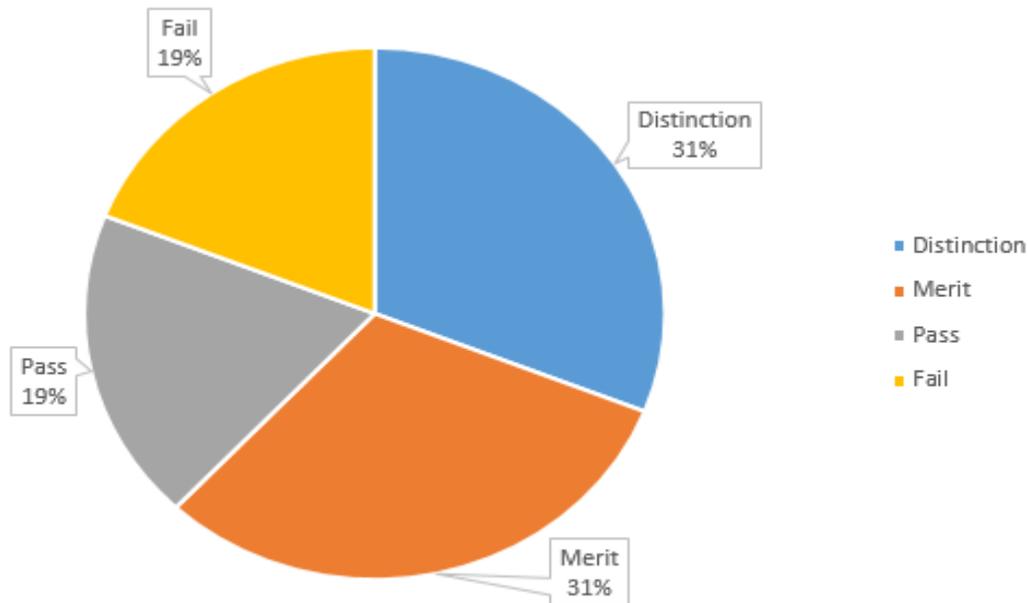




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5519-330 - Level 3 Certificate in Medical Terminology

Examiner's report – February 2016 series



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 candidates are required to gain either more or fewer raw marks to compensate and to gain a pass.

This examination was marked by computer for the first time.

Areas of good performance

There were some excellent candidates who showed a wide knowledge and understanding of medical terms. They gave full explanations in their answers and demonstrated ability across the whole examination paper.

Question 1

The majority of candidates scored well on this question.

Questions 4, 5 & 6

These were very well answered by the majority of candidates.



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Areas for improvement

There were a few very poor papers demonstrating lack of knowledge and understanding of the stated terms. Some candidates spelling was poor and failed to demonstrate an understanding of the required medical terms which gave an indication of them having no idea of medical context.

Question 2

A few candidates demonstrated a complete lack of knowledge and understanding of medical words. In this question candidates are given the meanings of terms and are required to provide the appropriate medical term.

Questions 3 & 7

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

Medical terms least known

Paraesthesia	pharyngitis	oliguria	hypokalaemia
Cauterisation	Corticosteroid	cauterisation	angiograms
Glossitis	polycythaemia	ventricular	periosteum
angiograms	urea	amylo-	infra-
-poiesis	stertorous		

Meanings

x-ray of salivary glands

coughing up blood from the lungs

stone in the gallbladder

Abbreviations

BUN PBI HDL



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Recommendations and tips

Candidates should take care to read the paper carefully. Marks are awarded for correct spelling of medical terms.

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 candidates. Medical terminology is in context and appropriate answers show an understanding of this.