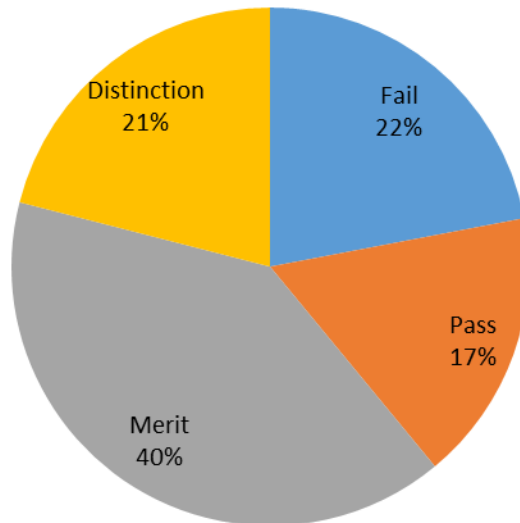**5519- 330 - Level 3 Certificate in Medical Terminology**

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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.

There were a few excellent answers in this examination which was very pleasing to see. The new pass rate is now 70% with credit set at 80% and distinction grade being 90%. Unfortunately due to a City & Guilds administrative error there was an error in question one part 5 which should have simply stated ECG. However, candidates appeared to have had no difficulty with this.

Areas of good performance
Question 4
As usual with this matching block type of question, the majority scored well with many candidates achieving full marks.

Question 5 & 6
These questions were well answered by the majority of candidates despite some careless mistakes by some. These questions require rote learning from a list provided by City & Guilds in the specification guidelines.

Areas for improvement

Unfortunately there were a few very poor papers demonstrating a lack of basic knowledge and understanding. Spelling of both medical terms and English was poor and these candidates failed to demonstrate an understanding of the required medical terms.

Questions1,3 & 7
These questions showed the general ability of the candidates, as they require an understanding of the terms for translation. The standard of answers varied tremendously between candidates with many failing to demonstrate any understanding of the terms with others giving excellent answers.

Question 2
This question produced many incorrect answers, although several candidates achieved full marks. Unfortunately, the weaker candidates achieved very poor scores for this important question, which requires understanding and cannot be answered by rote learning. Poor spelling lost marks in many papers. As usual the correct use of the combining vowel was not understood by some candidates.

Medical terms least known

Genetic	dilatation	artery	paroxysmal	fibrillation	ambulatory
	diastolic	presbyopia			
Infarction	cirrhosis	thyroid	myodysplasia	angina	diverticulosis
Steato-	scolio-	maxillo-	chole-		-porosis

Meanings

Tumour of cartilage   vomiting blood from the stomach   a pregnant woman who has had many pregnancies   a fungal condition

Abbreviations
PCV   GTT   Mg   O&S

Recommendations and tips

Take care to read the paper carefully. Many careless errors occur which lose candidates marks. Guidelines provided by City & Guilds give valuable advice to centres and candidates benefit from being provided with the lists of various word parts etc.

 A basic knowledge of the body is essential in order to understand medical terminology and its application. The literal meaning of a term is often incorrect and candidates need to understand this. The recommended text- books provide assistance with this requirement. Tutors require a

sound working knowledge of the subject in order to give correct tuition and guidance to their students. Medical terminology is in context and appropriate answers show understanding of this. Accuracy is vital in medical work.