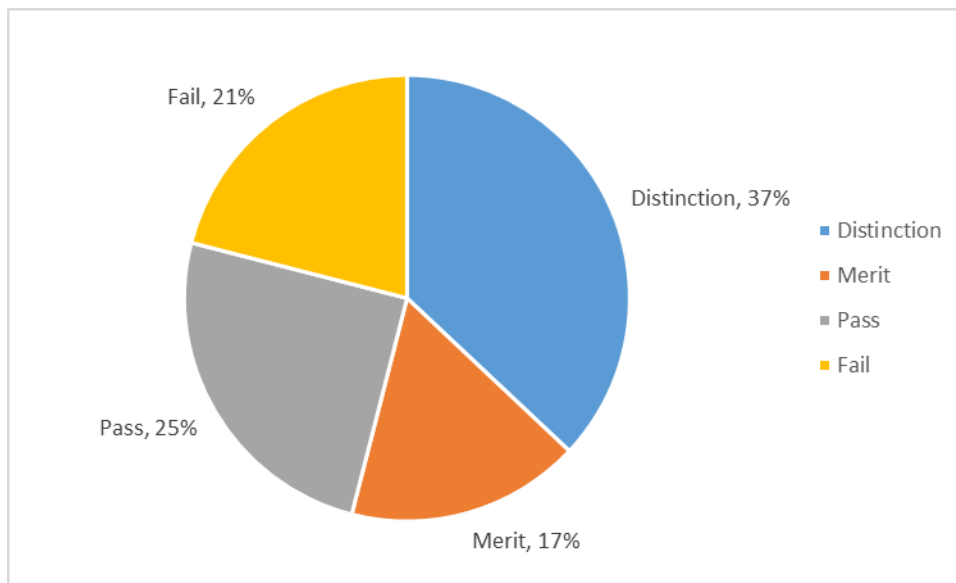




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## 5519-330 Level 3 Certificate in Medical Terminology

### Examiner's report - November 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 candidates 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 again very pleasing to see.

#### **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. The terms sacrum and scapula were least well known.

##### Question 5 & 6

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

#### **Areas for improvement**

Unfortunately there were again 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. In the medical field they could be extremely dangerous.



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### Questions 1, 3 & 7

These questions require a deeper knowledge and understanding. Once again 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

Standards varied tremendously between candidates in this question. 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. The correct use of the combining vowel was not understood by some candidates.

### Medical terms least known

#### Terms

Dyspeptic	prophylactic	syndrome	vertigo	grommets	hypnotic
Lordosis	sacrum	scapula	biopsy	angiograms	
Xantho-	ecto-	-spasm	-philia		

#### Meanings

Inflammation of the mouth                      An increase in the number of white blood cells  
Area/membrane at the back of the eye which contains sight receptors

#### Abbreviations

PPI              CPK              INR      K              BUN              pv              om

#### Recommendations and tips

As usual candidates should be encouraged to 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. Candidates need to understand the context of medical terms and it is only with this knowledge that they are able to fully understand medical terms. 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 candidates. Medical terminology is in context and appropriate answers show understanding of this. Accuracy is vital in medical work.