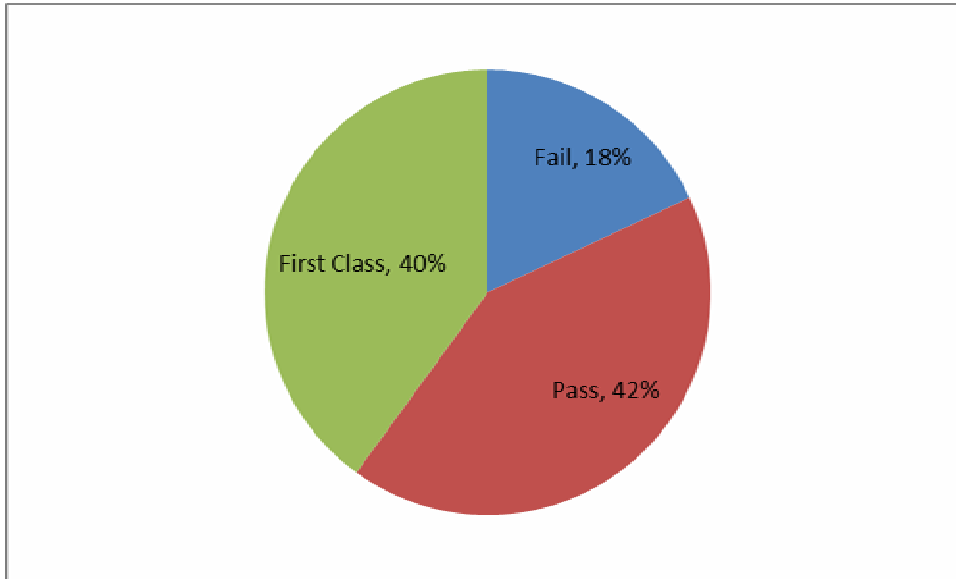


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General Observations

Candidates produced a similar proportion of first class passes and passes in total during the period 2010 to 2011. However, the proportion of first class passes declined significantly, to be replaced by a similar proportional increase in passes.

Although candidates showed a good overall understanding, the change in passes and first class passes indicates that there is room for development of a greater depth of understanding.



Areas of good performance

As in past years, candidates demonstrated their strengths in production and cash budgets. There were a few errors which meant candidates did not score quite as many marks as in the previous year.

Candidates also continued to deal well with the checking of estimates and the completion of job cost sheets although again calculation errors were seen.

LIFO and FIFO were well understood although full workings and calculations were not always seen.

Areas for development

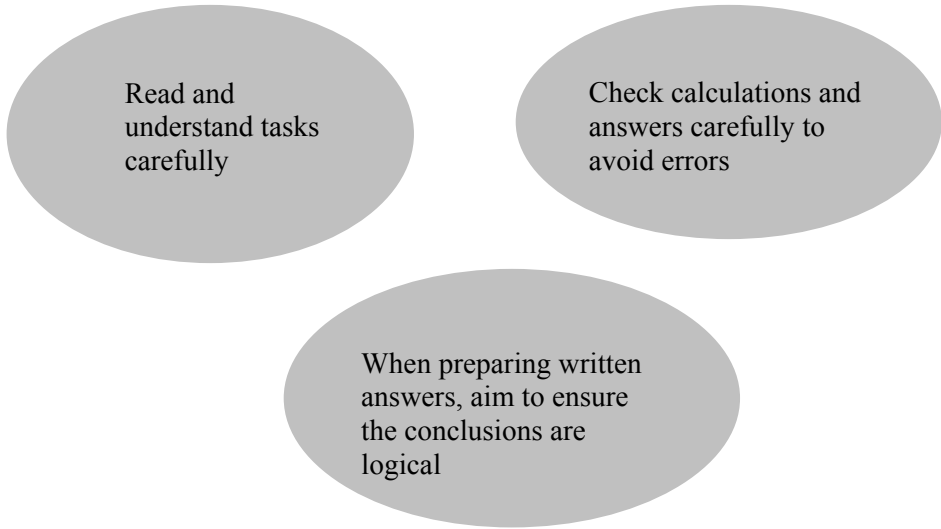
Candidates continued to have some difficulties with AVCO calculations. Practice would be helpful to improve performance on this technique and full workings should be shown.

Performance indicators would also benefit from additional practice so that candidates can demonstrate that they appreciate what the data means. For instance, a higher number, such as number of complaints, is not always an indicator of better performance. It is important to understand the scenarios of tasks thoroughly.

Recommendations

Teachers and candidates should make good use of available resources such as sample examination papers, the examination support guide, FAQs, etc on the City & Guilds website.

Particular areas in which additional depth and breadth of understanding would be helpful are credit control and stock records.

Tips

Read and
understand tasks
carefully

Check calculations and
answers carefully to
avoid errors

When preparing written
answers, aim to ensure
the conclusions are
logical

Additional comments

Sufficient practice is essential before the examination as part of adequate preparation.

Ensure you have the appropriate equipment – pencil, ruler, protractor, eraser and calculator.