

7906-005/505 Level 2 Architectural Joinery – Theory Exam

March 2020

Examiner Report

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Introduction

This document has been prepared by the Chief Examiner, it is designed to be used as a feedback tool, for centres to use in order to enhance teaching and preparation for assessment. It is advised that this document be referred to when preparing to teach and then again when candidates are preparing to sit examinations for City & Guilds Technical qualifications.

This report provides general commentary on candidate performance and highlights common themes in relation to the technical aspects explored within the assessment, giving areas of strengths and weakness demonstrated by the cohort of candidates who sat the **March 2020** examination series. It will explain aspects which caused difficulty and potentially why the difficulties arose, whether it was caused by a lack of knowledge, poor examination technique or responses that failed to demonstrate the required depth of understanding.

The document provides commentary on the following assessment;
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Theory Exam – March 2020

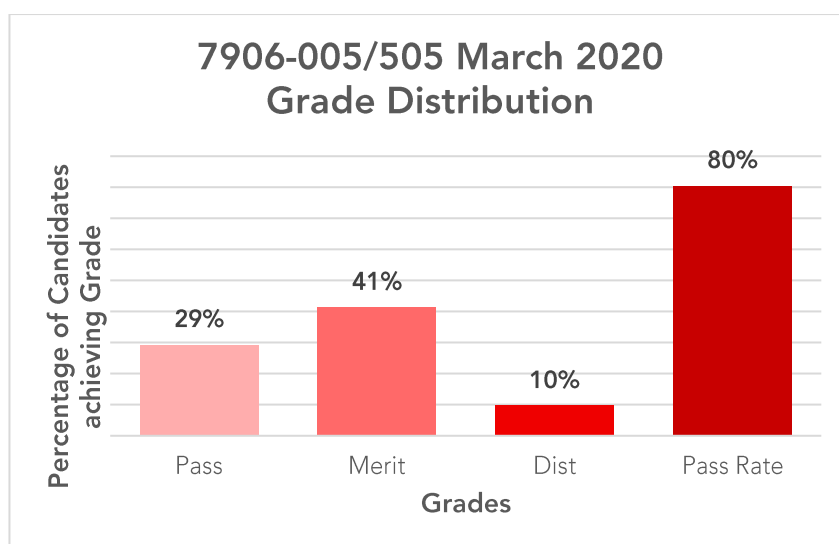
Grade Boundaries and Distribution

Assessment: 7906-005/505
Series: March 2020

Below identifies the final grade boundaries for this assessment, as agreed by the awarding panel

Total marks available	60
Pass mark	27
Merit mark	36
Distinction mark	45

The graph below shows the distribution of grades and pass rates for this assessment;



Chief Examiner Commentary

General Comments on Candidate Performance

Assessment component: 7906-005/505

Series: March 2020

This exam covers Units 201 (Principles of construction), 206 (Planning and preparation for architectural joinery production) and 207 (Use of woodworking machinery).

Candidates generally performed very well this series. Candidates answered more of the AO2 (Understanding) and AO4 (Applied knowledge) questions correctly than the more straightforward AO1 (Recall) questions.

Unit 201 (Principles of construction): Candidates performed well generally on majority of the questions asked within this unit. Candidates struggled on Topic 1.3 Team communication.

Unit 206 Candidates performed very well on the majority of the AO2 and AO4 questions within this unit, with some weakness noticed on Topics 2.5, Timber defects and 3.1 Architectural joinery products and their components. However, generally well answered.

It was surprising that candidates struggled with half of the recall questions asked. These were spread out across the Learning Outcomes (LO) but there were particular weaknesses on LO Understand resources for marking out and setting out architectural products. These included Topics:

- 2.1 Common materials
- 2.2 Timber conversion and seasoning
- 2.4 Properties of timber and manufactured boards.

To improve candidate performance, centres are advised to reinforce these topics when delivering the underpinning knowledge of these subjects.

Unit 207: It was encouraging to see that candidates performed very well on questions asked on all topics within this unit, with the exception of one AO4 question they struggled with and this was this was on Topic 4.2 Use planing machines.

It was good to see that that the responses to AO2 and AO4 questions has improved and that centres have refined these types of questions with their candidates. This was noticeable in how candidates responded to these questions.

Candidates and centres need to bring the knowledge to answer AO1 questions in line with the AO2 and AO4 questions. Candidates must ensure they fully read the questions carefully before selecting their responses and structure their time appropriately to be able allow sufficient time to read and make their selection.