

0172-041/541 – Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management

March 2022

Chief 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 2022** examination series. It will explain aspects which caused difficulty and potentially why the difficulties arose, whether it was caused by a lack of knowledge, incorrect examination technique or responses that failed to demonstrate the required depth of understanding.

The document provides commentary on the following assessment.

0172-041/541 Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management – Theory Exam.

Theory Exam – March 2022

Grade Boundaries and distribution

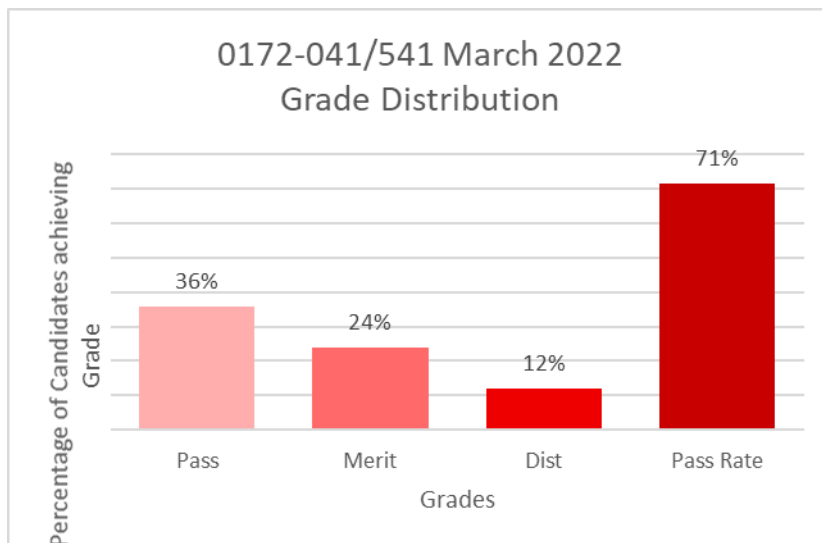
Assessment: **0172-041/541**

Series: **March 2022**

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

Total marks available	60
Pass mark	25
Merit mark	34
Distinction mark	43

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



Chief Examiner Commentary

General Comments on Candidate Performance

Assessment component: 0172-041/541

Series 1 (March)

The assessment is comparable with the previous series in relation to range, suitability, and level. Candidate performance is similar to the previous series, however there is a visible lack of good exam technique in March 2022.

Candidates performed well in questions relating to evolution, wildlife casualties and legislation. Candidates were able to identify legislation that protects employees from a named characteristic or legislation relevant to a specified type of conservation. High performing candidates were generally able to access full marks for the questions on evolution. Performance was overall better on AO1 questions compared to those requiring candidates to explain, ie demonstrate depth and breadth of their knowledge and understanding, although some candidates were able to achieve full marks for certain AO2 questions (eg impact of human visitors in relation to a specific animal environment).

Areas of weakness included questions containing technical terminology where candidates did not demonstrate the required application or understanding, however the higher performing candidates were able to access some marks. Another area that proved challenging to candidates was related to the influence of economy on the business market. Most candidates provided statements without the ability to expand their answers into the explanation to gain full marks. Many candidates referenced a national organisation for conservation of wildlife when asked for an international one. Candidates are advised to read the questions carefully to avoid losing out on marks in this way.

Extended Response Question (ERQ)

The extended response question provided an opportunity for candidates to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the considerations of ecological factors for reintroduction purposes. Most candidates accessed band 1, having given a range of considerations with superficial explanations around the statements provided. Where candidates did not achieve band 2, minimal to no technical terminology was used and there was a clear lack of discussion showing knowledge and understanding. Candidates that achieved within band 2 and higher were able to provide a more logical approach to the ERQ discussing relevant examples of the impact on different ecological factors.

Candidate achievement for the ERQ across the three bands was as follows.

Band 1: 62% accessed marks within this band

Band 2: 35% accessed marks within this band

Band 3: 3% accessed marks within this band.

Centres are advised to help candidates develop their use and understanding of technical terminology across the qualification.

Candidates are also strongly advised to practice examination techniques when preparing for this exam to fully understand the requirements of the question before attempting to answer, particularly those that require candidates to demonstrate reasoning. Explain questions require candidates to demonstrate reasons and justifications to support the statements or cause and effect.

Past papers and marking schemes are available on the City and Guilds website which should be used for exam practice.

City & Guilds also offers a technical exam guide to support the work on the exam technique.

All documents are available to download from [Technicals in Animal Care Management and Equine Care Management qualifications and training courses | City & Guilds \(cityandguilds.com\)](https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications/technical-qualifications/animal-care-management)

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