

0172-043/543 - Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080)

March 2022

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;
0172-043/543 - Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080)-Theory Exam.

Theory Exam – March 2022

Grade Boundaries and distribution

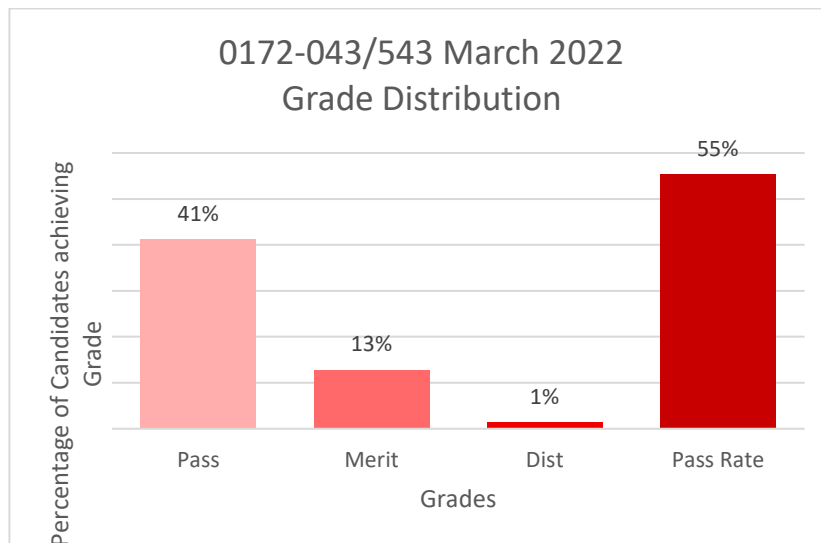
Assessment: **0172-043/543**

Series: **March 2022**

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

Total marks available	60
Pass mark	27
Merit mark	35
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: 0172-043/543

Series 1 (March)

The cohort performance is below expected for this exam. Candidates showed some good techniques in recall questions, but still largely lacked the attention to detail and techniques in certain questions, mainly linked with explanations where they were required to provide causes and effect and/or reasons. Many candidates found it challenging to write in a logical manner or contextualise their answers.

The average mark for the March 2022 series is **26.9** compared to **34.8** in March 2020.

Candidates demonstrated relatively good recall in **Unit 308 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation** in topics such as changes in global eco systems, however this was also an area of weakness in AO2 questions. Candidates were also able to demonstrate recall in **Unit 315 Animal Nursing** in relation to veterinary practice procedures, specifically around consequences of not treating specific diseases, and client communication. **Unit 327 Kennel and Cattery Management** showed some good answers relating to animal husbandry and specialist animal management techniques in a kennels and cattery. **Unit 364 Business Management in the Land-based Sector** generally showed good answers for questions aimed at the ways financial and physical record-keeping systems work.

The lack of good exam technique caused many candidates to lose out on marks in this exam. Candidates generally failed to expand their answers for AO2 questions, often not providing detail that shows the depth of their knowledge and understanding, which lead to achieving only partial marks. This was also evident in the questions that utilised technical terminology where candidates generally showed very little knowledge and/or understanding, even in the high scoring group.

Specific questions from the following topics showed low performance across AO1 and AO2 questions for the paper-based version of the exam sat by most of the cohort.

- **Changes in global ecosystems (technical terminology)** with 93% of candidates scoring 0 marks
- **Different designs and facilities of kennel and catteries** where 64% of candidates scored 0 marks
- **Procedures and policies in a kennel and cattery environment** with 0.8% of candidates achieving full marks
- **Common medical conditions** with 63% of candidates scoring 0-1 mark with 3.3% of candidates scoring full marks
- **Business resources and structures (job roles and responsibilities) in a selected land-based business** with 0.7% achieving full marks

Extended Response Question (ERQ)

The extended response question provided an opportunity for candidates to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of kennel design and use of specific design aspects. The question provided differentiation for learners and allowed lower-level candidates to accessed band 1, having given a range of considerations with 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 band 2 and higher were able to provide a planned and detailed approach to this question discussing relevant aspects of the design of isolation facilities with links to disease management

and legislation. Only a small number of candidates were able to provide full and relevant justifications.

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

Band 1: 66% accessed marks within this band

Band 2: 28% accessed marks within this band

Band 3: 6% 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 type of 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)

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