

7457-406/606 Level 3 Synoptic Knowledge Test - Paper 2

December 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.

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 **December 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, incorrect 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 – December 2020

Grade Boundaries and distribution

Assessment: **7457-406/606**

Series: **December 2020**

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

Total marks available	60
Pass mark	38
Pass rate	100%

Chief Examiner Commentary

General Comments on Candidate Performance

Assessment component: 7457-406/606

Series: December 2020

The pass mark for the paper was set using a process of professional judgement by technical experts called 'awarding'. Through the awarding process, the pass mark is determined using both quantitative and qualitative evidence (e.g. analysis of candidate's scripts, archived samples of candidate work and statistical evidence). Please note the pass mark may differ for the paper from series to series to take into account differences in the difficulty of the question papers.

Areas of strength for the cohort were:

- Clinical signs of colic
- Post-operative care
- Blood donors

Areas of weakness for the cohort were:

- Common Law
- Wound healing,
- Preparation for PCV
- Maintenance fluid requirements

The extended response question provided an opportunity for the candidates to present their knowledge and understanding. The candidates were able to show a good level of knowledge relating to the pre-operative preparation of a horse for general anaesthesia. This question was answered well. Plenty of details were given and knowledge and understanding demonstrated. However, the rationale was missing and so the higher band was not achieved.

Future candidates would benefit from practising examination techniques when preparing for this examination. Candidates should ensure they read each question carefully. To ensure they respond clearly to the question given in the depth required. Candidates should be encouraged to add in some rationale to their answers to enable them to access higher marks.