7457-400 Level 3 Synoptic Knowledge Test - Paper 1

February 2023

Examiner Report

Contents

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 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;
7457-400 Level 3 Synoptic Knowledge Test – Paper 1

Theory Exam – December 2022

Grade Boundaries and distribution

Assessment: **7457-400**
Series: **December 2022**

The table 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	32
Pass rate	100%

Chief Examiner Commentary

General Comments on Candidate Performance

Assessment component: 7457-400

Series: December 2022

The paper was set at the correct level of difficulty for a level 3 exam. There was a balance of topics, and questions allowed the candidates to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

Unit 360: This unit focuses on the operational requirements of a veterinary practice. Candidates generally performed well in this unit with few omissions.

Unit 362: This unit focuses on professional relationships and communication within a veterinary practice. Candidates demonstrated a good range of knowledge, however depth of discussion in regard to specific verbal techniques/terminology was limited.

Unit 363: This unit focuses on various animal welfare, health, and husbandry topics. Generally, candidates performed well in this unit demonstrating a sound knowledge base.

Unit 364: This unit focuses on infection control within a veterinary environment. This unit was the weakest area for candidates although a basic knowledge was demonstrated.

Unit 366: This unit focuses on supporting the supply of veterinary medicines. Candidates demonstrated good knowledge and understanding here.

Unit 370: This unit focuses on understanding the essentials of veterinary nursing care for hospitalised animals. Candidates demonstrated a sound knowledge base in general with some minor inaccuracies.

Extended Response Question

The Extended Response Question provided an opportunity for candidates of every level to present their knowledge and understanding. Candidates were required to discuss an appropriate IVFT plan for a particular patient. Candidates discussed basic equipment and monitoring and demonstrated, although this was limited. There was some depth of understanding demonstrated by exploring fluid therapy and further explaining their points to show an application of knowledge of basic nursing care practices. Candidates produced answers within Band 2 and Band 3.

Overall Comments

Candidates would benefit from practising examination techniques and writing answers for the Extended Response Question when preparing for this examination. Candidates also need to familiarise themselves with the range of command verbs in the questions and be prepared for the different types and structures of questions contained within the paper.

Candidates should ensure they read each question carefully and ensure they respond clearly to the question with the depth required. Candidates in this paper often did not access full marks when asked questions requiring explanations and descriptions. Candidates should also be familiar with terminology related to the topic areas covered by the exam paper.

Previous papers and examiner reports are available to support candidates with preparation for future exams here:

https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/land-based-services/animal-management/7457-veterinary-nursing#tab=documents

For any candidate wishing to appeal their result, centres can find information regarding the process for this here:

www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/centre-development/centre-document-library