

# **7457-400 Level 3 Synoptic Knowledge Test - Paper 1**

**August 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.

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 **June 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 – June 2022

## Grade Boundaries and distribution

Assessment: **7457-400**

Series: **June 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:

<b>Total marks available</b>	<b>60</b>
Pass mark	32
Pass rate	0%

# Chief Examiner Commentary

## General Comments on Candidate Performance

**Assessment component: 7457-400**

**Series: June 2022**

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

**Unit 360:** This unit focuses on the operational requirements of a veterinary practice. The candidates' responses to questions based around sterilisation requirements, storage of records under GDPR & the RCVS veterinary nurses code of conduct did not demonstrate any strong knowledge of this unit

**Unit 362:** This unit focuses on professional relationships and communication within a veterinary practice. A strength for this unit was knowledge around a specific communication type. Weakness of this area was applying this knowledge to the question being asked

**Unit 363:** This unit focuses on various animal welfare, health and husbandry topics. The strength of this unit was identifying benefits of early suckling with neonates. Weakness of the unit was demonstrated in questions around the nutritional requirements for patients with different conditions.

**Unit 364:** This unit focuses on infection control within a veterinary environment. Strengths were that the candidates understood what factors affected disinfection effectiveness, some knowledge of reverse barrier nursing & how to reduce stress for patients in isolation. However, weaker areas were being able to give examples or to explain to show in-depth knowledge of the areas.

**Unit 366:** This unit focuses on supporting the supply of veterinary medicines. There were limited strengths of this area shown within the responses to this question paper. Candidates were aware of the SQP qualification but lacked knowledge around the "SQP Code of Conduct" and the requirements when dispensing medication.

**Unit 370:** This unit focuses on understanding the essentials of veterinary nursing care for hospitalised animals. Four questions covered this area as well as the Extended Response Question. Candidates struggled with providing a more in-depth answer when they were required to provide explanations.

## Extended Response Question

The Extended Response Question provided an opportunity for candidates of every level to present their knowledge and understanding. The candidates performed better on this question compared with the other questions in the paper; there was some evidence of planning their response first to develop a structure and then provide greater detail in their answers. The candidates lost marks throughout by not providing enough depth and examples. The candidate responses were mainly superficial, however, with some of the areas the candidates were able to demonstrate a more developed discussion, but this was still limited. 100% of candidates accessed the Band 2 marks available on this question.

## 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 be familiar with the variety 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](http://www.cityandguilds.com/delivering-our-qualifications/centre-development/centre-document-library)