

7457-401 Level 3 Synoptic Knowledge Test - Paper 2

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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;
7457-401 Level 3 Synoptic Knowledge Test – Paper 2

Theory Exam – June 2022

Grade Boundaries and distribution

Assessment: **7457-401**

Series: **June 2022**

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	33
Pass rate	64%

Chief Examiner Commentary

General Comments on Candidate Performance

Assessment component: 7457-401

Series: June 2022

Unit 367: This unit facilitates an understanding of the application of diagnostic imaging techniques within a veterinary environment. Most candidates were able to recall principles, but some further study required on the application of alternative imaging techniques would be beneficial.

Unit 368: This unit facilitates an understanding of diagnostic testing and essential laboratory techniques in clinical veterinary practice. Strengths were demonstrated in candidates' breadth of knowledge across the topic for most candidates, some further study on the reasons for testing and understanding test results is recommended.

Unit 369: This unit facilitates an understanding of veterinary operating theatre practice for veterinary nurses. Most candidates were able to demonstrate both knowledge and understanding in this area reflecting application in practice, but some responses did not fully explain the consequences of not applying key operating theatre equipment.

Unit 371: This unit facilitates an understanding of the essentials of nursing sick animals within a veterinary environment. A good demonstration of recall from most candidates reflecting application in practice. Some improvement to examination technique to show understanding of monitoring would be beneficial.

Unit 372: This unit will assist student veterinary nurses in preparing for entry on to the RCVS Register for Veterinary Nurses. Many candidates missed marks by not fully explaining the application of a statutory regulation. In addition, further study of the differences in legal systems in Scotland would be beneficial as this was a weakness also demonstrated by most candidates in this area.

Unit 373: This unit facilitates an understanding of peri-operative nursing care principles which encompasses the care of patients: pre-operative, intra-operative, post-operative and during home convalescence. A demonstration of breadth of knowledge and understanding by most candidates reflecting application to practice.

Unit 375: This unit prepares candidates to provide first aid treatment to injured, and nursing care to critically ill dogs, cats, small mammals within a veterinary environment. Generally good recall demonstrated for more commonly encountered conditions. Some further reading related to choosing blood donors would be beneficial to allow candidates to explain more factors to be considered in relation to this.

Extended Response Question/Unit 374:

This unit covers the principles of veterinary nursing support for small animals. This question was generally well answered by all candidates, demonstrating a sound knowledge base for general nursing. Majority of candidates were able to access the Band 2 marks available for this question. Improvements to examination technique could be made to maximise explanative discussion to demonstrate a deeper understanding of the specific condition. Further study on the considerations of specific conditions or at least systems may be beneficial.

Overall Comments

Candidates will benefit from practising examination techniques when preparing for this examination. Candidates need to be prepared for the different types and structures of questions contained within the paper and need to be familiar with the variety of command verbs they may encounter.

Candidates should ensure they read each question carefully to ensure they respond clearly to the question giving the depth required to achieve full marks.

Past papers and examiner reports are available on the City & Guilds website to support candidates with this preparation:

<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