

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 **September 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 – September 2022

Grade Boundaries and distribution

Assessment: **7457-401**

Series: **September 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	34
Pass rate	0%

Chief Examiner Commentary

General Comments on Candidate Performance

Assessment component: 7457-401

Series: September 2022

Unit 367: This unit facilitates an understanding of the application of diagnostic imaging techniques within a veterinary environment. Candidates demonstrated mixed knowledge for diagnostic procedures and did not adequately explain procedures for an endoscopic technique.

Unit 368: This unit facilitates an understanding of diagnostic testing and essential laboratory techniques in clinical veterinary practice. Candidates demonstrated superficial knowledge in laboratory readings and reasons for effect on results. Candidates needed to explain their points fully to obtain more marks.

Unit 369: This unit facilitates an understanding of veterinary operating theatre practice for veterinary nurses. Candidates demonstrated knowledge in theatre practice however they did not explain specifically their points in reference to the question. Candidates are reminded to read the question carefully and to fully elaborate on 'explain' questions.

Unit 371: This unit facilitates an understanding of the essentials of nursing sick animals within a veterinary environment. Candidates were able to pick up available marks when naming and stating, however they struggled to fully explain their points to demonstrate depth and achieve maximum marks.

Unit 372: This unit will assist student veterinary nurses in preparing for entry on to the RCVS Register for Veterinary Nurses. Candidates did not demonstrate a clear understanding of their professional responsibilities in reference to the RCVS Code of Conduct.

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. Candidates demonstrated limited knowledge without considering any factors in the theatre other than the patient itself. To discuss the rationale behind preparing for anaesthesia requires deeper understanding.

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. Candidates demonstrated limited understanding in emergency care, mostly achieving low marks but not explaining answers to achieve full marks.

Extended Response Question:

This unit covers the principles of veterinary nursing support for small animals. Candidates noted a range of considerations, often not specifically related to the case itself but broader nursing considerations in general. Where statements were made which were valid, these were not elaborated upon to show their breadth or depth of knowledge and understanding. Terminology used was simple with only basic terms used.

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