

0173-024 – Level 2 Technicals in Land and Wildlife Management

March 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 for City & Guilds Technical qualifications.

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 **March 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;
0173-024 Level 2 Technicals in Land and Wildlife Management.

Theory Exam – March 2020

Grade Boundaries and distribution

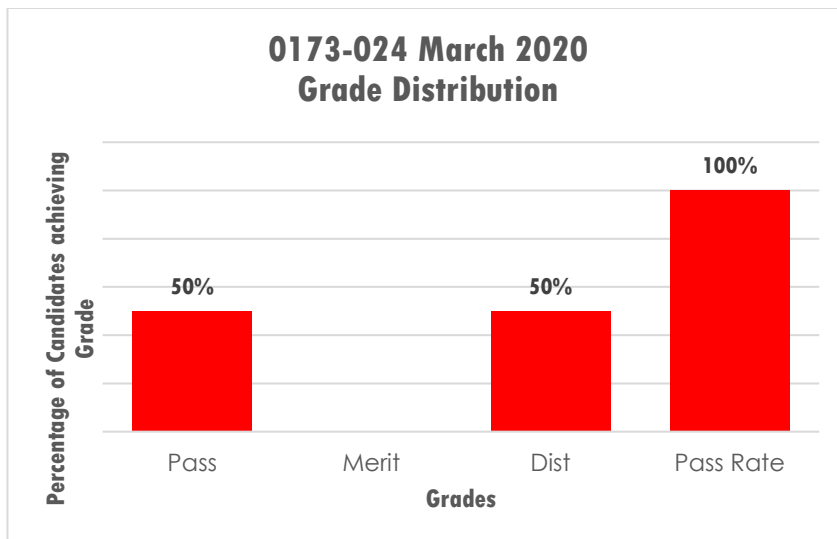
Assessment: **0173-024**

Series: **March 2020**

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

Total marks available	50
Pass mark	21
Merit mark	28
Distinction mark	36

The graph below shows the approximate distribution of grades and pass rates for this assessment:



Chief Examiner Commentary

General Comments on Candidate Performance

Assessment component: 0173-024

Series 1 (March)

The paper covered a range of learning outcomes across the mandatory units. The cohort performed reasonable well. Some candidates struggled with questions on legislation, along with the definition of some technical terminology and science based questions, but generally there was no obvious areas of weakness.

The following units were covered in this assessment:

Unit 202: Working in the land and wildlife industry
Unit 203: Land and wildlife land based machinery
Unit 204: Conservation and improvements to British habitats
Unit 205: Estate maintenance

As in previous examinations, candidates tended to do well in practical topic areas such as machinery, estate management and job roles and responsibilities. Candidates tended to struggle with science based questions and employment law/legislation. Topics such as pest and predator control and employment law and legislation were areas of difficulty.

Questions 43-50 were the applied knowledge questions covering a range of content from across all the units above. Candidates were required to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding from a range of topics in an integrated approach when attempting these questions. Candidate responses showed both strengths in knowledge and understanding in some topics and weaknesses in others. Overall candidates did not perform as well on the A04 questions as they did on other parts of the exams. Areas of weaknesses were habitat management techniques, legislation and machinery and attachments. Candidates who achieved higher marks demonstrated evidence of a more consistent understanding of technical terms. The higher scoring candidates tended to consistently select the correct answer showing their greater understanding of problem solving using applied knowledge.

Centres are reminded of the City & Guilds Technicals 'Exam Guides' available here:

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/land-based-services/environment-countryside-and-conservation/0173-technical-in-land-wildlife-management#tab=documents>

Centres are advised to revisit current handbooks, test specifications and previous papers to fine-tune the delivery of their programmes. Areas of key importance to increase performance in future series are employment law and industry legislation.