

0173-024-524 – Level 2 Technicals in Land and Wildlife Management

March 2023

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 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 2023** 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.

0173-024/524 – Level 2 Land and Wildlife Management – Theory exam.

Theory Exam – March 2023

Grade Boundaries and distribution

Assessment: **0173-024/524**

Series: **March 2023**

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

Total marks available	50
Pass mark	22
Merit mark	29
Distinction mark	37

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: 0173-024/524

Series 2 (March 2023)

The paper is comparable with previous series. The cohort performed reasonably well with 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.

Candidates performed well in practical topic areas such as machinery, estate management, and job roles and responsibilities. Topic areas that were not answered well were science-based questions, and employment, law/legislation and more specifically this year coppicing, wood joints, machinery, and tool use.

The AO4 questions (43-50) were the applied knowledge questions covering a range of content from across Units 202, 203, 204 and 205. Candidates were required to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding from topics using an integrated approach when attempting these questions. Overall candidates did not perform as well on these AO4 questions as they did on other parts of the exam, this in part seemed to be as they did not relate back to the scenario to aid their answers. Topic areas that candidates did not perform well were habitat management and construction techniques, legislation, and tool use. Candidates who achieved higher marks showed more consistent understanding of technical terms. The higher performing candidates consistently selected the correct answers demonstrating a greater understanding of problem solving using applied knowledge.

Candidates would benefit from practising examination techniques when preparing for this exam, to fully understand the requirements of the question before attempting to answer and learn how to plan for extended response questions. Candidates also need to be prepared for the different types and structures of questions contained within the paper. They need to be familiar with the range of command verbs used, as well as the need to read each question carefully.

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=information>

Previous papers and examiner reports will also assist centres and candidates to prepare for future examinations. These are available here:

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