

# 0173-001/501 – Level 3 Land and Wildlife Management – Theory exam (1)

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 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 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;  
**0173-001/501 – Level 3 Land and Wildlife Management – Theory Exam (1).**

# Theory Exam – March 2023

## Grade Boundaries and distribution

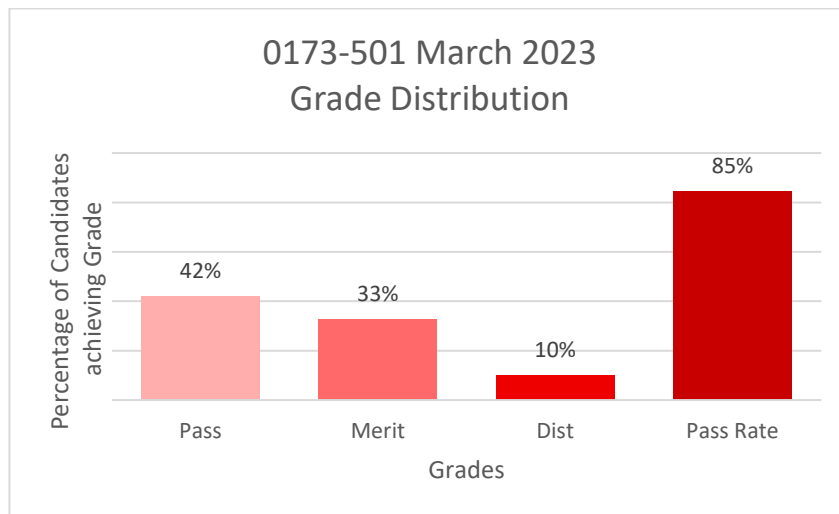
Assessment: **0173-001/501**

Series: **March 2023**

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

<b>Total marks available</b>	<b>60</b>
Pass mark	24
Merit mark	33
Distinction mark	42

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: 0173-001/501**

### Series 2 (March 2023)

The question paper was balanced and covered a good range of knowledge and understanding from across the units and was comparable with previous papers. Questions were answered with a varying degree of accuracy and depth. Overall candidates' performance on the paper was comparable to last year's.

The candidates who achieved higher marks answered all questions thoroughly and showed excellent breadth and depth of knowledge that was backed up by relevant examples. Candidates that performed well in this examination demonstrated relevant knowledge on materials for paths and power sources for machinery. Some candidates' performance was stronger in the recall questions but there was a general briefness to explanations and discussions.

Many candidates demonstrated good understanding of the range of materials available for laying paths, they were able to suggest suitable sources of power for machinery. Candidates were also able to recall suitable PPE and explain its purpose when laying a hedge.

Topic areas of questions that were answered well:

- Materials for paths.
- Hedge laying.
- Power sources for machinery.

Topic areas of questions that were not answered well:

- COSHH relating to machinery.
- Vantage point surveys.
- CROW Act.
- Calculation of hedge plants.

Candidates need to focus on reading questions and using the command verbs. Responses in some areas did not relate to what was being asked or engage with the command verb. One example of this was a question asking for the justification of carrying out vantage point surveys, many responses referenced the purpose of the surveys which is not a relevant justification.

### Extended Response Question (ERQ)

Candidates were asked to discuss factors in the creation of a community wildflower meadow from an area of scrub land. This question allowed candidates to demonstrate their breadth of knowledge and understanding of factors that must be considered when developing a suitable plan for the given scenario. Candidates were awarded higher marks in this question when discussing all factors and correctly linking to the scenario. Lower marks were awarded where candidates only discussed wildflower meadow creation and not scrub removal. Candidate performance for this question was good, showing much improvement from previous years with most candidates achieving band 2. Those that provided justifications for the techniques used achieved a band 3.

Centres are strongly advised to ensure that candidates are familiar with the different command verbs and the type of responses expected, as well as the need to read each question carefully and to respond clearly to the question given in the depth required.

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.

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-technicals-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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