# Citye <br> Guilds 

# Level 2 Technical Certificate in Floristry (0175-20) 

Sample External Test<br>Duration: 2 hours

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| Number | Question |
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| 1 | What part of the supply chain would a retailer mainly use to obtain its fresh plant material? |
|  | a. Producers. <br> b. Wholesalers. <br> c. Auction houses. <br> d. Independent growers. |
| Number | Question |
| 2 | What job role is mainly responsible for creating a bridal bouquet? |
|  | a. Junior florist. <br> b. Senior florist. <br> c. Conditioner. <br> d. Proprietor. |
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| 3 | What type of support is offered to members by the BFA? |
|  | a. Discounted entrance to trade shows. <br> b. Reduced prices of plant material. <br> c. Management of social media. <br> d. Access to temporary staff. |
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| 4 | What is a minimum entry requirement for WorldSkills? |
|  | a. To be working in floristry. <br> b. To be studying floristry. <br> c. To be 17 years old. <br> d. To be 18 years old. |


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| 5 | There is a Worldskills regional competition in October. They are preparing a brief which will require candidates to produce a corsage for an Autumn wedding. The buttonhole must be seasonal in near complementary colours. <br> The buckets must be prepared for the candidates. Which bucket of flowers should be provided? |
|  | Knowledge: Characteristics (seasonality, classification, latin names), colour wheel, designs <br> Understanding: Scale and proportion <br> Analysis: Review scenario, identify critical information (Autumn, buttonhole, colours) |
|  | a. Aconitum napellus, hosta <br> b. Aconitum napellus, hedera helix <br> c. Mango zantedeschia aethiopica, hosta <br> d. Mango zantedeschia aethiopica, hedera helix |
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| 6 | What floristry product is mainly sold at Christmas? |
|  | a. Door wreath. <br> b. Single flower. <br> c. Planted bowl. <br> d. Handtied posy. |
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| 7 | What is an employment right of a junior florist? |
|  | a. Health and safety policy. <br> b. Annual wage increase. <br> c. Weekly training. <br> d. Rest periods. |
| Number | Question |
| 8 | What is a responsibility of an employee? |
|  | a. To negotiate working conditions. <br> b. To provide a living wage. <br> c. To organise rotas. <br> d. To be punctual. |


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| 9 | Why is the culture of an independent florist different to a retail chain? |
|  | a. Because the retail chain processes are set by a centralised office rather than the owner. <br> b. Because the retail chain can offer a wider range of products than an independent florist. <br> c. Because the independent florist needs higher profit margins than a retail chain. <br> d. Because the independent florist has less full-time staff than a retail chain. |
| Number | Question |
| 10 | What type of policy provides guidelines on the use of social media by staff? |
|  | a. Professional standards. <br> b. Store presentation. <br> c. Attendance. <br> d. Complaints. |
| Number | Question |
| 11 | What type of promotional activity is most likely to achieve add-on sales? |
|  | a. Website. <br> b. Display. <br> c. Leaflet. <br> d. Poster. |
| Number | Question |
| 12 | Wholesalers provide fresh materials wet packed. Why is this classed as a sustainable practice? |
|  | Knowledge: Sustainability, supply chain, conditioning Understanding: Relationship between wholesaler and retailer, implications of transpiration to condition of fresh materials, sustainable practices |
|  | a. It reduces costs to the retailer. <br> b. It increases opportunities for recycling. <br> c. It encourages fair trade with the growers. <br> d. It removes the need for additional packaging. |


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| 13 | Why is it important for a business to reduce wastage? |
|  | a. To reduce expenditure on unused items. <br> b. To reduce storage space required. <br> c. To reduce costs to the supplier. <br> d. To reduce time spent cleaning. |
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| 14 | A client wants a bouquet of roses for $£ 35$. Roses are $£ 1$ per stem wholesale price. The florist adds $100 \%$ mark up plus VAT to all orders. <br> How many roses should be included in the bouquet? |
|  | a. 12 . <br> b. 14 . <br> c. 16 . <br> d. 18. |
| Number | Question |
| 15 | A relay order has to be completed. Why is it important to cost down when making the design? |
|  | a. A relay incorporates design skills. <br> b. A relay considers a customer budget. <br> c. A relay has a set standard selling price. <br> d. A relay ensures maximum size is achieved |


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| 16 | A customer comes into a shop wanting a floral gift. They have $£ 20$ to spend. The following fresh materials are available on the display stand. The retail prices of each item are as shown. <br> Dianthus 80p <br> Chrysanthemum $£ 1.40$ <br> Eucalyptus $£ 1$ <br> Rosa $£ 1.50$ <br> Cymbidium $£ 10$ <br> Stephanotis $£ 8$ <br> What floral gift should the florist offer? |  |
|  | Knowledge: Characteristics of flowers, costing methods, types of design, costs involved in creating designs Understanding: Profitability, time involved in creating designs, need for packaging and sundries to finish, design principles and elements, customer needs and wants Analysis: Review all information provided to determine key information (price, gift, variable costs) <br> Evaluation: Selection of appropriate combination within budget |  |
|  | a. | - Tied bouquet <br> - 4 dianthus <br> - 3 chrysanthemum <br> - 3 rosa <br> - 2 eucalyptus. |
|  | b. | - Tied bouquet <br> - 4 dianthus <br> - 3 chrysanthemum <br> - 1 cymbidium <br> - 2 eucalyptus. |
|  | c. | - Symmetrical arrangement <br> - 4 dianthus <br> - 3 chrysanthemum <br> - 3 rosa <br> - 2 eucalyptus. |
|  | d. | - Symmetrical arrangement <br> - 4 dianthus <br> - 3 chrysanthemum <br> - 1 cymbidium <br> - 2 eucalyptus. |


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| 17 | A retail florist wants to increase its summer trade. What type of event is most likely to achieve that aim? |
|  | a. Sales promotion. <br> b. Demonstration. <br> c. Wedding fair. <br> d. Classes. |
| Number | Question |
| 18 | Why do businesses prefer cash rather than credit card payments? |
|  | a. It reduces late payments. <br> b. It increases customer sales. <br> c. Costs to the business are lower. <br> d. Costs to the customer are lower. |
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| 19 | What type of flower is shown in this image? <br> a. Alstroemeria. <br> b. Hydrangea. <br> c. Bouvardia. <br> d. Gladiolus. |


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| 20 | What type of flower is shown in the image? |


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| 23 | Which plant material is mainly available in Autumn? |
|  | a. Ilex. <br> b. Dahlia. <br> c. Prunus. <br> d. Freesia. |
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| 24 | Which of the following plant materials is poisonous? |
|  | a. Aconitum napellus. <br> b. Alstromenma. <br> c. Dendrobium. <br> d. Soliadgo. |
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| 25 | Which pot plant is also used as foliage? |
|  | a. Eucaplyptus cinerea. <br> b. Vibumum tinus. <br> c. Galax urceolata. <br> d. Hedera helix. |
| Number | Question |
| 26 | What is the main impact of ordering red flowers for delivery in February? |
|  | Knowledge: Peak periods, colour association, characteristics of flowers, supply chain Understanding: Relationship between peak periods, profitability and supply chain |
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|  | a. The price increases <br> b. The stems are weaker <br> c. The deliveries will be late <br> d. The condition declines quickly |
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| 27 | What plant part is the main organ used in food and water transport? |
|  | a. Leaf. <br> b. Root. <br> c. Stem. <br> d. Flower. |


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| 28 | Why is the leaf a major source of food to a plant? |
|  | a. It converts sunlight into sugars. <br> b. It converts water into sugars. <br> c. It converts sunlight to oxygen. <br> d. It converts water to oxygen. |
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| 29 | What process controls water movement in plant cells? |
|  | a. Osmosis <br> b. Tropism <br> c. Ethiolation <br> d. Respiration |
| Number | Question |
| 30 | Why is transpiration important for plants? |
|  | a. It modifies temperature. <br> b. It produces chlorofilm. <br> c. It modifies nutrients. <br> d. It produces flowers. |
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| 31 | What is the main effect on plant development of using a low level light? |
|  | a. Leaves rot off. <br> b. Leaf growth slows down. <br> c. Roots rot off. <br> d. Root growth slows down. |
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| 32 | What plant is best to use as a display during winter months? |
|  | Knowledge: Seasonality, characteristics of plants Understanding: Promotional material suitability |
|  | a. Kalanchoe blossfeldiana. <br> b. Euphorbia pulcherrima. <br> c. Rhododendrom simsii. <br> d. Buxus sempervirens. |


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| 33 | Why is it important to use last in first out method of stock control for window displays? |
|  | a. Because open blooms have a higher selling price. <br> b. Because open blooms have more visual impact. <br> c. Because open blooms have a stronger scent. <br> d. Because open blooms have longer stems. |
| Number | Question |
| 34 | What is the first action that should be taken when receiving deliveries of fresh materials? |
|  | a. Check quantities. <br> b. Check the invoice. <br> c. Complete conditioning. <br> d. Complete documentation. |
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| 35 | Why is it important to quality check all flowers on arrival from the wholesaler? |
|  | a. To ensure documentation is accurate. <br> b. To ensure the correct packaging is in place. <br> c. To ensure a variety of options are available. <br> d. To ensure damaged items are not charged for. |
| Number | Question |
| 36 | Why is it important to audit stock levels? |
|  | a. To reduce storage costs. <br> b. To ensure value is accurate. <br> c. To simplify ordering system. <br> d. To maximise sales opportunities. |


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| 37 | A shop has some open longiflorums on the display area. <br> What is the best way for the shop to dispose of the <br> flowers whilst maximising profitability? |
|  | Knowledge: Characteristics of fresh materials, <br> characteristics of individual designs <br> Understanding: Stock rotation, profitability, customer <br> needs and wants, commercial opportunities <br> Analysis: Review scenario, identify key information (open <br> flowers, type of flower, maximise profitability) <br> Evaluation: Significant information provided in options |
|  | a. Use in a workshop. <br> b. Use in a funeral tribute. <br> c. Use in a wedding bouquet. <br> d. Use in a promotional display. |


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| 41 | A corporate client orders a floral tribute. Your manager has agreed to include a complimentary item providing it doesn't affect profitability. <br> Which item would be the most suitable? |
|  | Knowledge: Purpose of a floral tribute is and understand their needs and wants, types of sundries and associated costs <br> Understand: Needs and wants associated with funerals, profitability, suitability of sundries for different occasions. <br> Analysis: Review scenario, identify critical information floral tribute, complimentary <br> Evaluation: Determine which could meet all requirements |
|  | a. Chocolates in a box. <br> b. Satin printed ribbon. <br> c. Gift-wrapped chocolates. <br> d. Waterproof printed poly ribbon. |
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| 42 | What is a type of texture? |
|  | a. Form. <br> b. Visual. <br> c. Space. <br> d. Rhythm. |
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| 43 | Why is space created within floral designs? |
|  | a. It provides more profit for the business. <br> b. It gives flowers room to develop. <br> c. It makes it easier to condition. <br> d. It looks more attractive. |


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| 44 | A junior florist has created a hand tied bouquet. The <br> manager is checking it before it is packaged. It does not <br> stand up and keeps falling over. <br> What is the most likely cause? |
|  | Knowledge: Creating individual designs, preparation <br> techniques, conditioning techniques, stem structure <br> Understanding: Principles of design, proportion and <br> balance <br> Analysis: Review scenario, identify key information (hand <br> tied, doesn't stand up) <br> Evaluation: Determine cause of problem |
|  | a. The stems are too long. <br> b. The stems are too short. <br> c. There are too few stems. <br> d. There are too many stems. |


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| 48 | What is the effect of using red flowers in a design? |
|  | a. The colour will appear to advance and give them prominence. <br> b. The colour will appear to recede and give them prominence. <br> c. The colour will appear to advance and make them dull. <br> d. The colour will appear to recede and make them dull. |
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| 49 | A customer has collected a hand tied bouquet from a shop. In the bouquet is a hippeastrum. <br> What is the best advice to give regarding after care? |
|  | Knowledge: Conditioning of fresh materials, characteristics of fresh materials, individual designs Understand: Effects of different types of care/conditioning on maintaining the design |
|  | a. $\quad \bullet$ Remove packaging straight away <br> - Cut stems <br> - Burn stems <br> - Place in vase with clean water and flower food <br> - Take off all string. |
|  | b. • Leave it in cellophane for maximum of two days <br> - Remove packaging <br> - Place all plant material items into dry floral foam <br> - Cut stems <br> - Burn stems. |
|  | - Remove packaging straight away including cellophane and all string <br> - Place all plant material items into wet floral foam <br> - Cut stems <br> - Plug stems. |
|  | d. • Leave it in cellophane for maximum of two days <br> - Remove packaging <br> - Cut stems <br> - Plug stems <br> - Place in vase with clean water and flower food <br> - Maintain the string. |


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| 50 | A florist recently visited a local, large flower farm <br> producing British grown flowers. As a result, they are <br> interested in becoming a specialist retailer of British <br> flowers. They are based in a small town and have asked <br> some of their loyal customers about this idea. Many have <br> said they would be interested in paying premium process <br> for British flower. <br> What is the main disadvantage of becoming a specialist <br> retailer of British flowers? |
|  | Knowledge: Supply chain, characteristics of flowers <br> (seasonality) <br> Understanding: Profitability, commercial opportunities, <br> customer needs and wants <br> Analysis: Review scenario, identify key information (British <br> flowers, specialist) |
|  | a. It will give low profitability. <br> b. There is a limited range of suppliers. <br> c. It will lead to seasonal variations in supply. <br> d. There will not be enough customer interest. |



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Sample external test - Answer Keys

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