

0175-021/521 Level 2 Floristry– Theory Exam

March 2022

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 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;
0175-021/521 Level 2 Floristry– Theory Exam.

Theory Exam – March 2022

Grade Boundaries and distribution

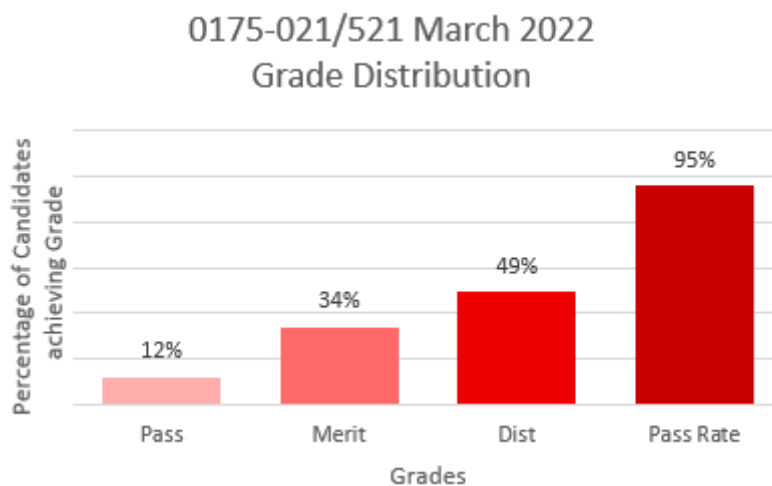
Assessment: **0175-021/521**

Series: **March 2022**

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: 0175-021/521

Series 1 (March)

The examination paper covered a good range of learning outcomes over the whole qualification and was similar to previous series in terms of range, suitability and level.

Most candidates demonstrated a good recall of knowledge relating to design principles and customer service questions. Many candidates demonstrated good understanding of the theory of colour. Questions that could be related to regular practices of a junior florist within the industry were answered well, showing clear evidence of recall, understanding and application to practical work.

Higher scoring candidates demonstrated the ability to recall knowledge across all areas and apply to a given scenario.

Some candidates lost marks on the question relating to the identification of plant materials in particular where a Genus and species was asked for.

Many lower and some middle group scoring candidates demonstrated weaknesses in both the knowledge and understanding questions that related to Unit 202-Working in the Floristry industry and Unit 204-Caring for and maintaining floristry products. In particular, unit 202 breadth and depth of understanding of business practices.

Higher scoring candidates performed well on the extended questions AO4 linked to a scenario. Lower scoring candidates struggled on these, losing marks on several the AO4 questions. It is important for candidates to refer to the scenario before answering each AO4 question and linking the answer back to it.

It is clear centres are encouraging students to develop knowledge and understanding across all areas of the industry. The depth of knowledge needs to be developed with regards to business practices and botanical processes with the lower and some middle scoring candidates.

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

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/land-based-services/horticulture/0174-technical-in-horticulture-and-forestry-arboriculture#tab=documents>