

0175-001/501- Level 3 Floristry – Theory Exam (1)

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;
0175-001/501 – Level 3 Floristry – Theory Exam (1).

Theory Exam – March 2022

Grade Boundaries and distribution

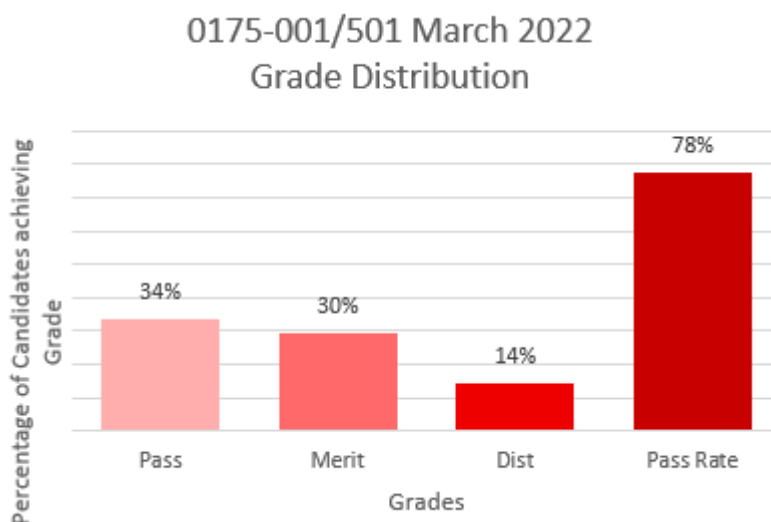
Assessment: **0175-001/501**

Series: **March 2022**

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

Total marks available	60
Pass mark	23
Merit mark	32
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: 0175-001/501

Series 1 (March)

The examination paper covered a good range of learning outcomes over the whole qualification and was similar to the 2020 series in terms of range, suitability and level. The paper had an appropriate balance of questions with varied levels of demand and it accurately sampled the level of knowledge and understanding from across the qualification. Questions were answered with a varying degree of accuracy and depth with knowledge-based questions generally answered well, whereas candidates frequently lost marks by not expanding their answers through descriptions or explanation when required.

Many candidates demonstrated good understanding of the design schema. Questions that could be related to regular floral design in the industry were answered well, showing clear evidence of recall, understanding and application to practical work. Many candidates can identify a range of plant materials that have a potential harmful effect.

Some candidates lost marks on the question relating to the identification of plant needs writing answers that were generic and not specific. Most candidates demonstrated a good recall of knowledge of elements of plant processes and plant care although some lacked the ability to describe or explain. Candidates need to focus on reading the questions carefully as responses in some areas did not relate to what was being asked.

Higher scoring candidates demonstrated the ability to recall knowledge across all areas and apply to a given scenario showing evidence of reasoning and justification.

The extended answer question gives candidates the opportunity to demonstrate their grasp of the qualification and knowledge of the planning for a peak period in a floristry business. There were some good extended answers given by the higher-level candidates who structured their answers to cover a full range of considerations for planning and undertaking a SWOT analysis, some well-considered examples for three typical designs as well as linking back to the scenario. Timeframe and timings were weak in many responses. Roles, responsibilities and allocation of duties were considered by a few of the higher-level candidates some showed a good understanding of business practices, but many omitted this point in the question. Lower-level candidates restricted their answers to consider just the three typical floral designs with little or no consideration for the demographics that could influence the business plans. Most candidates did not make recommendations within the plan for Sunday trading and the effect it could have on the business.

Candidates will benefit from practicing examination techniques when preparing for this exam in particular the importance of reading and understanding the detail of a question.

Candidates also need to be prepared for the different types and structures of questions contained within the paper and need to be familiar with the variety of command verbs, as well as the need to read each question carefully and to respond clearly to the question given in the depth required.

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

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/land-based-services/floristry/0175-technicals-in-floristry#tab=information>