

0174-523/023 Level 2 Technical Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture

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;

0174-523/023 – Level 2 Technical Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture - Theory exam

Theory Exam – March 2022

Grade Boundaries and distribution

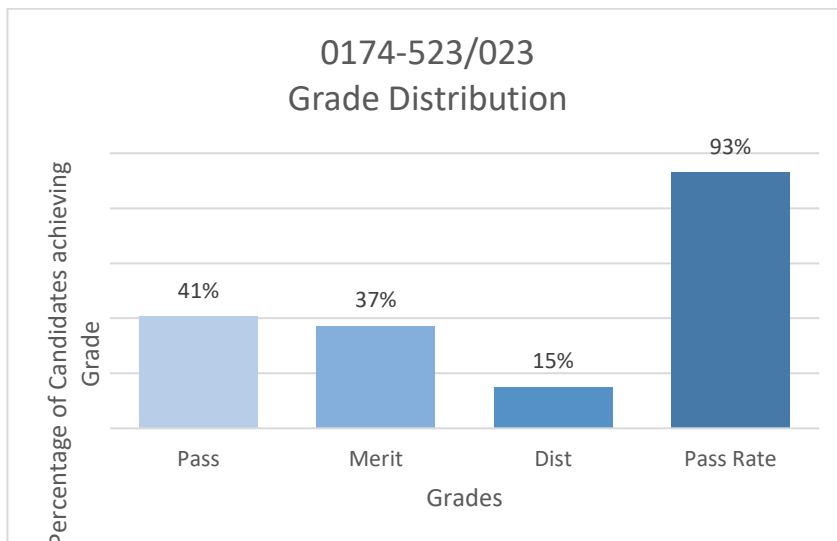
Assessment: **0174-523/023**

Series: **March 2022**

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

Total marks available	
Pass mark	17
Merit mark	23
Distinction mark	29

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: 0174-523/023

Series 1 (March 2022)

In comparison with the March 2020 series, overall candidate performance in the March 2022 paper was reduced, with a smaller percentage of candidates gaining distinction and a higher percentage gaining a pass, whilst the percentage of candidates gaining a merit showed a slight increase. The paper was comparable with the March 2020 series paper, being well structured, written at the appropriate level and testing a range of abilities.

Although there were no distinct areas where most candidates performed particularly well, areas where limited knowledge and understanding were shown included Unit 206 Tree Establishment; in particular questions relating to planting and protection of establishing trees. Candidates also struggled across all the units being tested where the focus of questions related more to the forestry sector than arboriculture.

Questions requiring candidates to apply knowledge and understanding in an integrated way provided some positive differentiation between the low and high performing candidates, as would be expected for these types of questions. Some candidates appeared not to have referred to the scenario for context when attempting these integrated questions so did not gain marks as a consequence. Centres are encouraged to support to candidates in developing exam technique.

Centres are reminded of the City and Guilds Technicals 'exam Guides' available here

https://www.cityandguilds.com/-/media/productdocuments/land_based_services/animal_management/0172/0172_level_2/animal_care/assessment_materials/0172-021_technicals_exam_document_2018_v1-pdf.ashx