

7905-003/503 Level 2 Bricklaying – Theory exam

March 2024

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 2024** 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:
7905-00/503 Level 2 Bricklaying - Theory exam

Theory Exam – March 2024

Grade Boundaries and Distribution

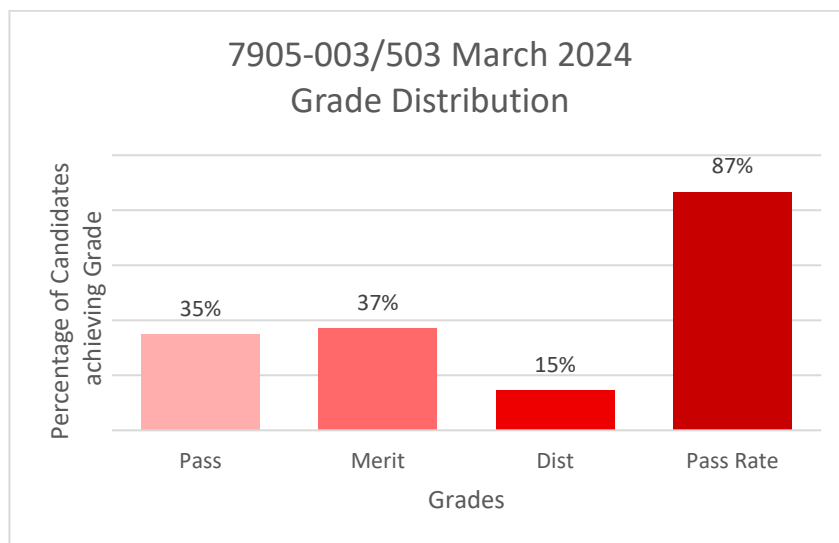
Assessment: **7905-003/503**

Series: **March 2024**

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

Total marks available	60
Pass mark	28
Merit mark	37
Distinction mark	47

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: 7905-003/503

Series: March 2024

The paper was a multiple-choice based assessment. The paper was structured to test recall of knowledge (AO1), understanding (AO2) and applied knowledge (AO4).

The paper covered a range of questions from units 201 Principles of construction and 202 Building cavity walls.

In Unit 201 Principles of construction, all the AO1 and AO2 questions were all answered well by candidates. The AO4 questions around substructure proved to be challenging.

In Unit 202 Building cavity walls candidates generally performed well across AO1, AO2, and very well in AO4, with some weakness shown in the following areas:

- AO1 Topics - 1.1 Information sources, 2.3 Protect the work environment, 4.3 Form openings in cavity walls and 4.4 Protect the work Environment.
- AO2 Topics - 2.2 Form openings.

To improve candidate performance, centres are advised to reinforce the above topics when delivering the underpinning knowledge of these subjects. Centres are encouraged to promote good exam technique.

Centres should raise candidates' awareness of the structure of past exams by revisiting past papers provided by the awarding bodies and encouraging candidates to read the textbooks available for Level 2 Bricklaying and SmartScreen materials.

Candidates must ensure they read the questions very carefully before selecting their responses and structure their time appropriately to allow sufficient time to read the options and make their selection. Candidates may benefit from advice on structuring their time appropriately to be able allow sufficient time to read the options prior to making their selection.