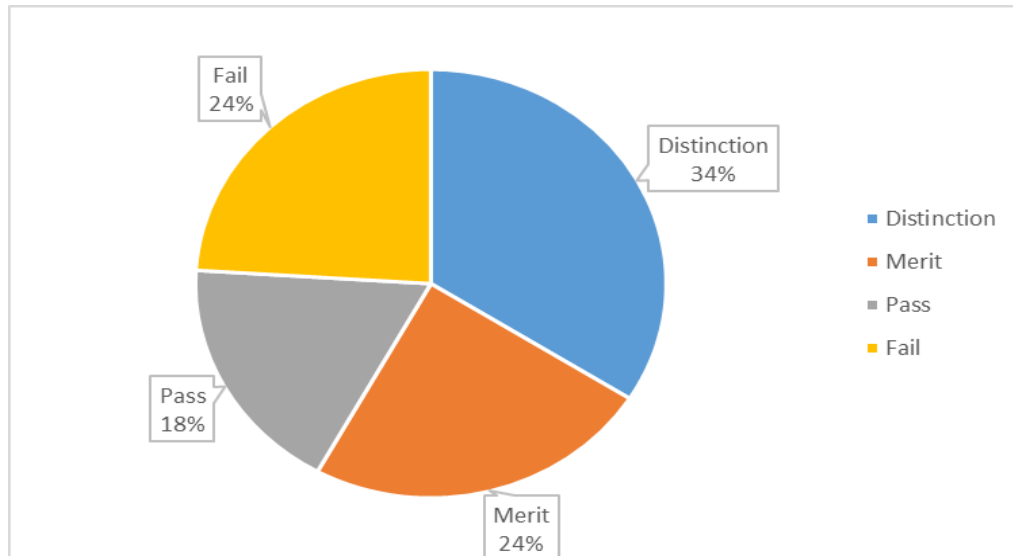




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## 5519-330 - Level 3 Certificate in Medical Terminology

### Examiner's report - June 2015 series



*The pass mark range for this examination is 70%. However, as each examination paper is unique there can be slight variations of difficulty from series to series – which means that students are required to gain either more or fewer raw marks to compensate and to gain a pass.*

This examination was marked by computer for the first time.

#### **Areas of good performance**

##### Question 4

As usual with this matching block type of question, the majority scored very well and many candidates achieved full marks.

##### Question 5 & 6

These questions were well answered by the majority of candidates. However some careless mistakes were made by a few. These questions require rote learning from a list provided by City & Guilds in the specification guidelines and tutors are advised to provide candidates with these specific lists.



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### Areas for improvement

Again, there were a few very poor papers demonstrating a lack of basic knowledge and understanding. Spelling of both medical terms and English was poor and these particular candidates failed to demonstrate an understanding of the required medical terms.

#### Questions 1, 3 & 7

These questions show the general ability of the candidates, as they require an understanding of the terms for translation. The standard of answers varied tremendously between candidates with many of them failing to demonstrate any understanding of the terms, whilst others gave excellent answers.

#### Question 2

This question produced many incorrect answers, although a few candidates achieved full marks. Unfortunately, the weaker candidates achieved very poor scores for this important question, which requires an understanding and cannot be answered by rote learning. Poor spelling lost marks in many papers. As usual the correct use of the combining vowel was not understood by some candidates, which is a very basic requirement of the required knowledge.

### Medical terms least known

Oedema	bacterial	aortic	auscultation	psoriasis	crepitations
phrenic	Neurosis	adenoids	debridement	cystocele	endocrine
pruritus	hyponatraemia	hypokalaemia	fracture	vertigo	contra-
crypto-	brachio-	chromo-	-demic	-iac	-ary

### Meanings

Period of 6 weeks of the mother following birth	Abnormal presence of fat in the stools
Medical speciality concerning the locomotor system	Loss of appetite

### Abbreviations

HDL    WBC & diff    TFT    AFP    SSRI



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### **Recommendations and tips**

Always take care to read the paper carefully. Many careless errors always occur which lose candidates marks. Guidelines provided by City & Guilds give valuable advice to centres and candidates benefit from being provided with the lists of various word parts etc.

A basic knowledge of the body is essential in order to understand medical terminology and its application. The literal meaning of a term is often incorrect and candidates need to understand this together with the context of usage. The recommended text- books provide assistance with this requirement. Tutors require a sound working knowledge of the subject in order to give correct tuition and guidance to their candidates. Medical terminology is in context and appropriate answers show understanding of this. Accuracy is vital in medical work.