

0172-037/537 Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management

March 2022

Chief 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;
0172-037/537 Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management – Theory Exam.

Theory Exam – March 2022

Grade Boundaries and distribution

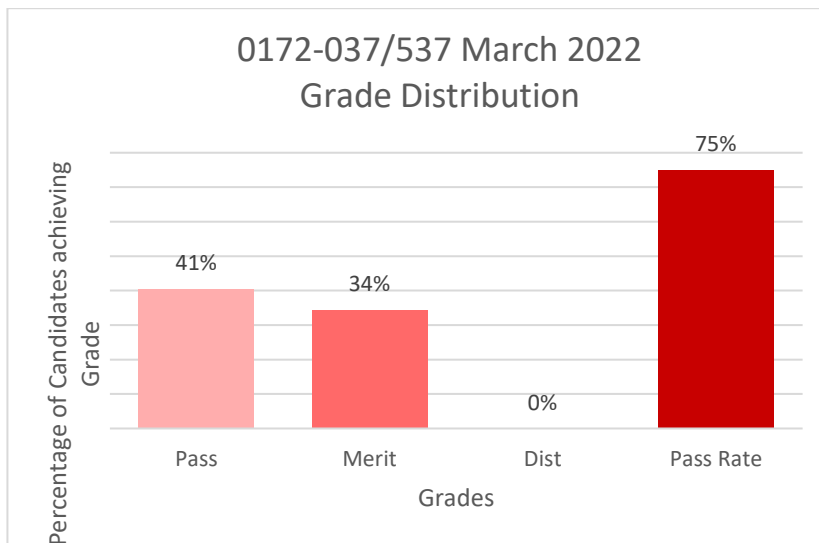
Assessment: **0172-037/537**

Series: **March 2022**

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

Total marks available	40
Pass mark	18
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: 0172-537

Series 1 (March)

Candidates' performance in this series was varied. While candidates showed good recall in the key topics there was also evidence of inconsistent exam technique, specifically in AO2 questions. Many candidates were often unable to access additional or higher marks through demonstrating understanding.

Candidates' strengths were evident in topics relating to pet store management, specifically around designing a pet store, the importance of marketing for a pet store and ethics of sourcing livestock. Candidates showed good awareness of disabled needs, which is also a key consideration of pet store design. Good answers were also seen in the topics relating to kennel and cattery management, mostly around breed characteristics and animal behaviour in a kennel or cattery. Overall, candidates' performance was stronger in the questions where recall was required.

Candidates' weaker areas related to kennel design and legislative requirements. In addition, the lack of good exam technique caused candidates to lose out on marks in this exam. Candidates generally failed to expand their answers for AO2 questions, often not providing detail that shows the depth of their knowledge and understanding, which lead to achieving only partial marks. This was also evident in the questions that utilised technical terminology where candidates generally showed inconsistent knowledge and/or understanding, even in the high scoring group.

Extended Response Question (ERQ)

The extended response question provided an opportunity for candidates to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the impact disease takes upon animals and nearby collections. Most candidates accessed band 1, having given a range of considerations with superficial explanations around the statements provided. Where candidates did not achieve band 2, minimal to no technical terminology was used and there was a clear lack of discussion demonstrating knowledge and understanding. Candidates that achieved within band 2 and higher were able to provide a planned and more considered approach to the ERQ discussing relevant examples of the impact of disease with valid links and some justification.

Candidate achievement for the ERQ across the three bands was as follows.

Band 1: 65% accessed marks within this band

Band 2: 30% accessed marks within this band

Band 3: 5% accessed marks within this band.

Centres are advised to help candidates develop their use and understanding of technical terminology across the qualification.

Candidates are also strongly advised to practice examination techniques when preparing for this exam to fully understand the requirements of the question before attempting to answer, particularly those that require candidates to demonstrate reasoning. Explain questions require candidates to demonstrate reasons and justifications to support the statements or cause and effect.

Past papers and marking schemes are available on the City and Guilds website which should be used for exam practice.

City & Guilds also offers a technical exam guide to support the work on the exam technique.

All documents are available to download from [Technicals in Animal Care Management and Equine Care Management qualifications and training courses | City & Guilds \(cityandguilds.com\)](https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications/technical-qualifications/animal-care-management)

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