

0173-024/524 – Level 2 Technicals in Land and Wildlife Management

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 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.

0173-024/524 – Level 2 Land and Wildlife Management – Theory exam.

Theory Exam – March 2024

Grade Boundaries and distribution

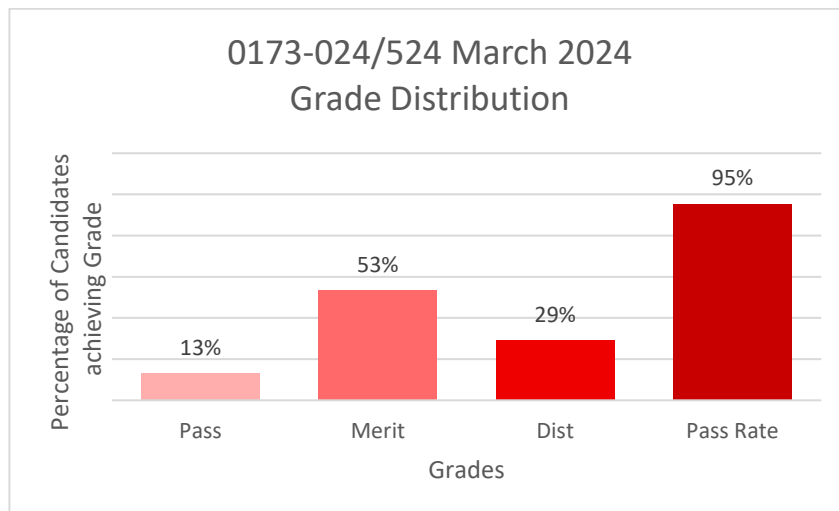
Assessment: **0173-024/524**

Series: **March 2024**

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

Total marks available	50
Pass mark	22
Merit mark	29
Distinction mark	37

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: 0173-024/524

Series 2 (March 2024)

The paper covered a range of learning outcomes across the mandatory units. The cohort performed reasonably well. Some candidates struggled with questions about job and organisational roles, designations for the protection of habitats, fixings for fencing and construction and pollarding.

The following units were covered in this assessment:

Unit 202: Working in the land and wildlife industry
Unit 203: Land and wildlife land-based machinery
Unit 204: Conservation and improvements to British habitats
Unit 205: Estate maintenance

Candidates performed well across all units, in particular with identifying machinery, construction tools, preventing habitat damage and personal protective equipment, which were all practical topic areas. Candidates tended to struggle with job roles and responsibilities, fixings used in fencing, the time of year to carry out practical habitat management and levels of protection for habitats, flora and fauna.

Questions 43-50 were the applied knowledge questions covering a range of content from across units 202, 203, 204 and 205. Candidates were required to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of a range of topics in an integrated approach when attempting these questions. Candidate responses showed limited knowledge and understanding of these questions and struggled more on A04 questions than they did on other parts of the exam. Candidates struggled more on habitat management and fencing techniques, tool and machinery choice for these A04 questions. Candidates who achieved higher marks demonstrated evidence of a more consistent understanding of technical terms and engaging with the scenarios provided. The higher-scoring candidates tended to consistently select the correct answer showing their greater understanding of problem-solving using applied knowledge.

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

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/land-based-services/environment-countryside-and-conservation/0173-technical-in-land-wildlife-management#tab=information>

Previous papers and examiner reports will also assist centres and candidates to prepare for future examinations. These are available here:

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