

0175-021/521 – Level 2 Floristry – Theory Exam

March 2020

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 2020** 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;
0175-021/521 – Level 2 Floristry – Theory Exam.

Theory Exam – March 2020

Grade Boundaries and distribution

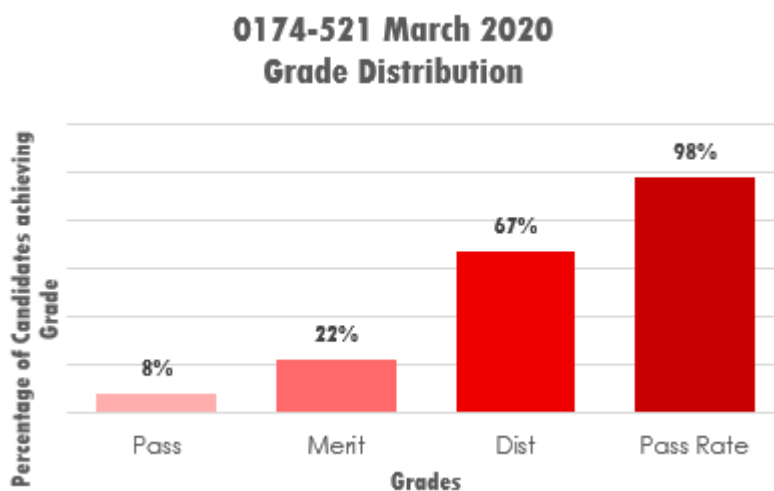
Assessment: **0175-521**

Series: **March 2020**

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:



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Grade Boundaries and distribution

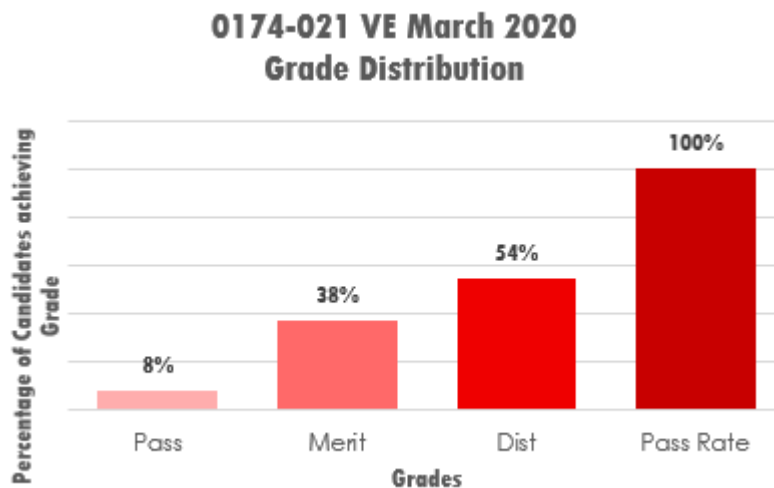
Assessment: **0175-021 Version E**

Series: **March 2020**

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

Total marks available	50
Pass mark	24
Merit mark	31
Distinction mark	39

The graph below shows the approximate distribution of grades and pass rates for this assessment:



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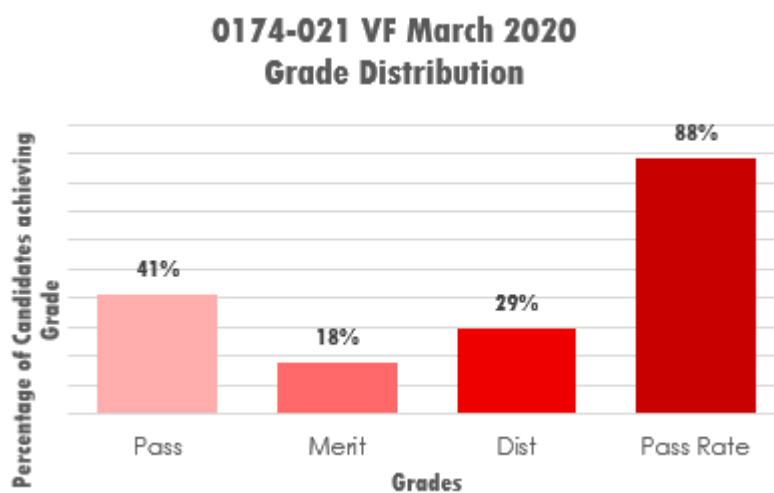
Grade Boundaries and distribution

Assessment: **0175-021 Version F**
Series: **March 2020**

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

Total marks available	50
Pass mark	22
Merit mark	30
Distinction mark	39

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: 0175-521/021

Series 1 (March)

The examination paper covered a good range of learning outcomes over the whole qualification and was comparable to the 2019 series in terms of range, content coverage and level.

The following units are covered in this assessment:

- Unit 202 Working in the floristry industry.
- Unit 204 Caring for and maintaining floristry products.
- Unit 205 Floristry design principles.

Candidates performed well across the whole paper. Most candidates demonstrated a good recall of knowledge relating to design principles and showed a good understanding of the theory of colour. Practical based questions that could be related to a junior florist within the industry were answered well and showed clear evidence of recall, understanding and application to practical work.

Higher scoring candidates demonstrated the ability to recall knowledge across all areas and apply to a given scenario.

Some candidates lost marks on areas relating to the identification of plant materials in particular where Genus and species were not the most common used in industry.

Many candidates demonstrated weaknesses in both the knowledge and understanding questions that related unit 202 working in the Floristry industry and 204 caring for and maintaining floristry products. In particular, unit 202 the breadth and depth of understanding of business practices was lacking in candidates answers. In Addition for unit 204 candidates showed a weak application of knowledge of plant processes and specific plant needs.

Centres are encouraged to help students develop knowledge and understanding across all areas of the industry. The depth of knowledge needs to be developed with regards to business practices and botanical processes.

0175-021 Version E

The paper was set at the appropriate level and covered a range of topics including the fundamentals across the qualification and was consistent with the test specification. Candidates performed reasonably well across the whole paper. Many candidates demonstrated good understanding of the theory of colour. The AO4 applied knowledge questions covered a range of content from across all three units. Candidates were required to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding from a range of topics in an integrated approach when attempting these questions.

0175-021 Version F

The paper was well balanced and consistent with the test specification. It featured a mixture of AO1 recall, AO2 understanding and AO4 applied knowledge questions. The terminology and technical content assessed in the question paper was to the correct level 2 standard. Most candidates demonstrated a good recall of knowledge relating to design principles. Some candidates missed marks on questions where careful reading was required of all available options.

Centres are reminded of the City & Guilds Technicals 'Exam Guides' available here:
<https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/land-based-services/floristry/0175-technicals-in-floristry#tab=information>