



Higher Specialist Diploma

Examination – September 2022

Generic Paper

120 minutes

Attempt 3 questions

1 Mandatory Question in Section A

2 Questions out of Four (One from Section B and one from Section C)

Instructions to candidates

1. Record your candidate number, qualification title and where appropriate the discipline and examination paper number on the front sheet of the answer booklet
2. Record your candidate number and the page number in the spaces provided on the answer sheets
3. Begin each new answer on a new page
4. Each question is worth 100 marks

Section A - Leadership and Management - Mandatory Pre-Seen Question

1. Critically discuss how sustainability could be embedded into laboratory practice.

Section B - Quality (Answer one question from this section)

2. 'The complacency of certainty'. Critically discuss this statement in relation to maintaining quality of service within pathology.

3. Critically discuss the requirements of maintaining ISO15189:2012 and evaluate the impact of this on patient care.

Section C - Training (Answer one question from this section)

4. Critically discuss how the role of a Training Officer within pathology has changed and evolved to meet the needs of all pathology staff.

5. Critically evaluate the movement of the certificate of competence verification and specialist portfolio assessment to an online process.