



Higher Specialist Diploma

Examination 2019

Paper 2

Generic questions

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. Write on one side of the answer sheet only
5. Each question is worth 100 marks

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

1. Critically discuss the principles and policies associated with information governance and the implications for a pathology service.

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

2. Critically discuss the role of quality management systems in the delivery of accredited pathology services.

3. Turnaround times are often used as a key performance indicator (KPI).

Discuss the above statement with respect to pathology centralisation and the quality and efficiency agenda.

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

4. Critically appraise the value of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in maintaining a competent workforce.
5. Critically evaluate the role of coaching and mentoring in developing the workforce.