



## **Higher Specialist Diploma**

**September 2024**

**Generic Paper**

**120 minutes**

**Attempt Three Questions**

**One Mandatory Question in Section A**

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

### **Instructions to Candidates**

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

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

1. Critically discuss the potential positive and negative impacts of the IBMS Long Term Biomedical Scientist Workforce Plan on pathology services.

## **Section B – Quality (Answer one question from this section)**

2. Critically appraise the value of audits in relation to clinical laboratory services.
3. Critically assess the role of quality management systems in ensuring high quality patient care.

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

4. “A competence is only valid at the time of assessment”. Critically discuss this statement in relation to a laboratory evidencing the competence of its workforce.
5. Critically discuss the role that effective reflective practice plays in training and development.