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Introduction

Our examiners' reports are produced to offer constructive feedback on candidates' performance in the examinations. They provide useful guidance for future candidates.

The reports will include a general commentary on candidates' performance, identify technical aspects examined in the questions and highlight good performance and where performance could be improved. The reports will also explain aspects which caused difficulty and why the difficulties arose, whether through a lack of knowledge, poor examination technique, or any other identifiable and explainable reason.

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Unit 3 series overview

Overall candidates performed well and there were very few 'no responses'. We continued to see good practice in some of the candidates de-constructing the questions; underlining the command words, circling key phrases and bullet pointing key words / phrases around the question to support writing their answer. Several candidates used the additional pages at the end of the exam paper; for future reference it would be good practice for the candidate, if they were to use the additional pages, to insert an arrow at the end of the provided space to denote the continuation of their answer.

Candidates who did well on this paper generally did the following:	Candidates who did less well on this paper generally did the following:
 Addressed the command words and developed answers that were logical with a clear well developed line of reasoning. Wrote with clarity and precision. Expanded on points made to provide more evidence to support their initial point. 	 Did not address the requirements of the command words. Wrote in a disjointed way with no clear line of reasoning. Had a lot of repetition within their answers. Identified points and did not offer any further evidence in support of their initial point.

Question 1 (a)

1 (a) Describe two ways the manager of a residential care setting can reduce the risk of individuals being harmed.

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Candidates, generally scored well on this question with the majority being able to pick up at least 2 marks. The most common answers centred around risk assessments, safeguarding, training and security. Candidates lost marks when they did not provide a clear description; they were able to gain 1 mark by stating a specific way, e.g., risk assessment but they did not provide any description of what could be involved when carrying out risk assessments.

Question 1 (b)

(b)* Explain three procedures that would be included in a nursing home fire safety policy.

The main issue was that candidates did not seem to understand the term 'procedure' and because of this a significant number of answers focused solely on fire evacuation; candidates presented several points linked to this procedure, for example taking registers, having a set assembly point, carrying out fire drills, calling emergency services and having designated fire wardens. This impacted on the score that they were given as they had only provided an explanation of one procedure. However, there were some comprehensive answers that fully addressed the question by fully explaining three procedures; the procedures that were most commonly addressed were fire risk assessment, maintaining a safe building and fire detection / alarms.

Many candidates gave structure to their answer by developing three distinct paragraphs.

AfL	The definition of procedure is 'a set of accepted way of doing something'.	f actions that is the official or
	To help candidates to differentiate bet published mark scheme for this questi develop the following chart by insertin	on could be used and candidates can
	Procedure	Actions to be taken
	1.	
	2.	

Question 1 (c)

- (c) A care assistant notices that a hoist used to lift residents from their bed is broken.
 - Tick (\checkmark) three appropriate actions the care assistant should take.

Possible actions	Tick (✓) three only
Fix the hoist.	
Follow the manual handling policy.	
Inform their manager.	
Remove the hoist from use.	
Take extra care when using the hoist.	
Write a report of the incident.	

[3]

Many candidates were able to provide the three appropriate actions. The most common error seen was in candidates ticking 'write a report of the incident'. When addressing this specific scenario, the only three appropriate actions would be following the manual handling policy, inform their manager and remove the hoist from use.

Question 1 (d)

(d)* Describe three ways the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002 reduce the risk of individuals being harmed.

Candidates were able to demonstrate their considerable knowledge of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations; links were made between practice and Legislation. The most common ways that were addressed were related to safe storage, risk assessments, staff training and the use of PPE. Some candidates lost marks when they only focused on one way and, in the main, this tended to be safe storage. The question specified that candidates were to include three ways and many candidates started each paragraph with: the first way, the second way etc; this is good practice.

Question 2 (a)

- 2 Longcross is a day centre for adults with learning disabilities. The centre manager invites local charities to run activities including cooking, exercise classes and trips to local parks.
 - (a) Give three reasons why Longcross should implement a safeguarding policy.

1	
2	
3	
	[3]

A significant number of candidates provided repeated answers for this question; they would often state to make sure that they are prevented from being harmed / to make sure that they are not abused / to make sure they are kept safe. All of these answers would be given on separate lines so this reduced the number of marks they could be given, i.e., they could only score 1.

Many candidates picked up that adults with learning difficulties are vulnerable to abuse; this was a very common answer. Other common answers were ensuring staff are DBS checked and that it is a legal requirement.

Many answers provided related to the second part of the stem and quite a few candidates gave answers that were linked to carrying out risk assessments; candidates had seemingly missed the words 'a safeguarding policy' in the question and they had honed in on the various activities that were provided in the stem of the question.

AfL	Encouraging candidates to highlight key words within a question may make sure that they address the key focus rather than go off on a tangent.

Question 2 (b)

(b) Describe how an adult from Longcross could come into contact with one biological hazard on a trip to a park.



This question was answered poorly and many candidates did not pick up any marks. Some candidates did not identify a biological hazard and they did not specify how contact could be made with the biological hazard. When answered correctly the most common biological hazards provided were blood, vomit and faeces. The most common ways stated for contact were touching and stepping in the biological hazard.

Some candidates did not use the correct terms for biological hazards, e.g., faeces and vomit. Centres should direct candidates to use correct terminology and not to use slang words.

AfL AfL		Keywords are often highlighted within a question; this has been done to offer some direction to the candidate on how to answer the question. Within this question the words how and one were emboldened:
		How = come into contact
		One = provide a biological hazard

Question 2 (c)

(c) State two reasons why staff must carry out a risk assessment before running activities at Longcross.



Many different and varied answers were seen for this question; some were very accurate with respect to why a risk assessment must be carried out with the most common answers being it is a legal requirement, to identify potential risks and to take measures to reduce risks. However, some answers were too vague; to make the environment safe and to get rid of all risks.

Question 2 (d)

(d) Longcross food safety policy is shown below.Complete the policy by choosing appropriate answers from the list.You can use each answer once only or not at all.

chopping boards	cleanliness	clothes
cooked food	equipment	face
frozen food	long	personal hygiene
raw food	short	

Longcross Food Safety Policy
All staff must follow this policy when handling food.
Staff must ensure that adults in their care are aware of and follow the correct procedures.
Maintain good
Wash hands, especially after handling
Use the correct to avoid cross-contamination
Fingernails should beand clean
Food handlers should avoid touching their hair or
Hair must be tied up or covered
Cuts and sores must be covered
[5]

Most candidates scored high for this question. The main errors seen were candidates stipulating equipment rather than raw food for the second answer and inserting clothes rather than face for the last answer.

Question 2 (e)

(e)* Explain the consequences for Longcross day centre and their staff if food safety procedures are not followed.

 [9]

The main error seen within this question was candidates focusing too heavily on either Longcross day centre or staff; to be given Level 3 there needed to be a balance of consequences for both. Candidates showed considerable knowledge on the consequences for both, with the most common answers being:

Longcross day centre	staff
 Loss of reputation High turnover of staff linked to training Financial loss due to loosing residents Closure Greater monitoring linked to Environmental Health 	 Disciplinary action Food poisoning Financial loss due to loss of income Requirement to undertake more training

Another error seen was in candidates focusing in on the keywords 'food safety procedures' within the question and they went on to discuss food hygiene measures in depth. De-constructing the question could have avoided this from happening.

Question 3 (a)

3 (a)* Describe the role and responsibilities of the NHS for the health, safety and security of their patients.

Those candidates that addressed this question from the perspective of the roles and responsibilities of the NHS scored well. The most common focus for answers were linked to staff training, security procedures, safeguarding procedures, data protection, the deployment of PPE and risk assessments. Many candidates addressed the command word of 'describe' and were able to give detailed descriptions for their chosen roles and responsibilities. The main error seen was in candidates developing their answers from the perspective of staff day to day roles / actions, for example cleaning up spillages and giving patients their medicine on time.

Question 3 (b) (i)

- (b) For each example provided below, identify the type of abuse and a consequence.
 - (i) A care worker physically restrains an adult with learning difficulties, causing them pain and distress.

Type of abuse

Consequence for the care worker

[2]

Most candidates were able to correctly identify the type of abuse (intentional /physical) and were able to provide a consequence for the care worker. The most common responses centred around disciplinary action, training, loss of job and removal from the professional register.

Question 3 (b) (ii)

(ii) A resident in a nursing home is not given medication at the correct time due to insufficient staff.

Type of abuse	
Consequence for the resident	
	[2]

Most candidates were able to correctly identify the type of abuse (unintentional / neglect). The most common responses with respect to the consequence for the resident linked to worsening condition, illness, loss of trust and death. The main error seen was in candidates providing consequences for the care worker as opposed to the resident.

Question 3 (c)

(c) A patient slips on a wet surface and falls whilst in hospital. List three actions staff should take when responding to this incident.

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2	
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	[3]

This was a well answered question and many candidates were able to score full marks. The most common answers were assessing what care was required, calling for more help, cleaning up the spillage, reporting the incident to the manager and putting up a wet floor sign. The main error seen was in candidates providing first aid treatments for each of the required answers; only one of these could be credited.

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