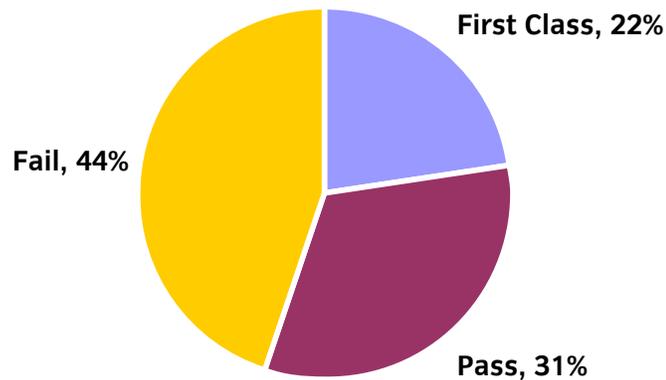


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General Observations

There has been a small increase in the number of candidates achieving a pass but a significant decrease in the number of First Class passes. This decrease in First Class passes is a trend which happened last year and has continued this year. There have also been a significant number of candidates who have failed this examination, overall a 5% increase on last year.



Areas of good performance

Most candidates complete all tasks required for this examination within the time allowed. Slide creation is usually carried out accurately.

Areas for development

Candidates must take care to follow the all instructions given in the examination eg; **make the first word only 40 pt.**

Presenter's notes often have missing full stops – this would incur an accuracy error for each omission. Other common faults made by candidates are failing to find and correct spelling and grammatical errors. There are also deliberate inconsistencies in layout in Task 2 and candidates must be shown how to identify and correct these.

Screen prints must show that the candidate has followed the examination paper with regard to slide transitions, animation effects and timings. All these effects must be visible on the screen print(s). It may be necessary to take more than one screen print to show all the effects due to differences in software versions.

Check for inconsistencies on slides:

- placement of objects eg; centring between headings
- applying heading styles accurately
- applying the correct bullet style

Recommendations

Candidates should follow the copy in the examination paper carrying out all instructions carefully and proofreading to ensure accuracy when creating slides and presenter's notes.

Candidates should check for consistency of style, and place objects as specified, resizing as necessary, ensuring consistent spacing between eg headings, subheadings, etc.

Candidates should ensure that they have taken enough screen prints to evidence that they have carried out the examination paper instructions with regard to slide transitions, animation effects and timings.

Tips

- Do your screen prints showing transitions, timings and animations. You may need to take more than one screen print.
- Read carefully and follow all the examination paper instructions.
- Some of your printouts must be in colour as specified in the examination paper instructions.

Additional comments

The main areas where candidates fail are:

- failing to include sufficient screen prints to evidence that they have carried out the instructions in the examination paper
- failing to identify the deliberate errors in Task 2
- inaccurate text entry in presenter's notes
- failing to submit colour printouts.