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**Diploma in Distilling Module 3
Examination Report**

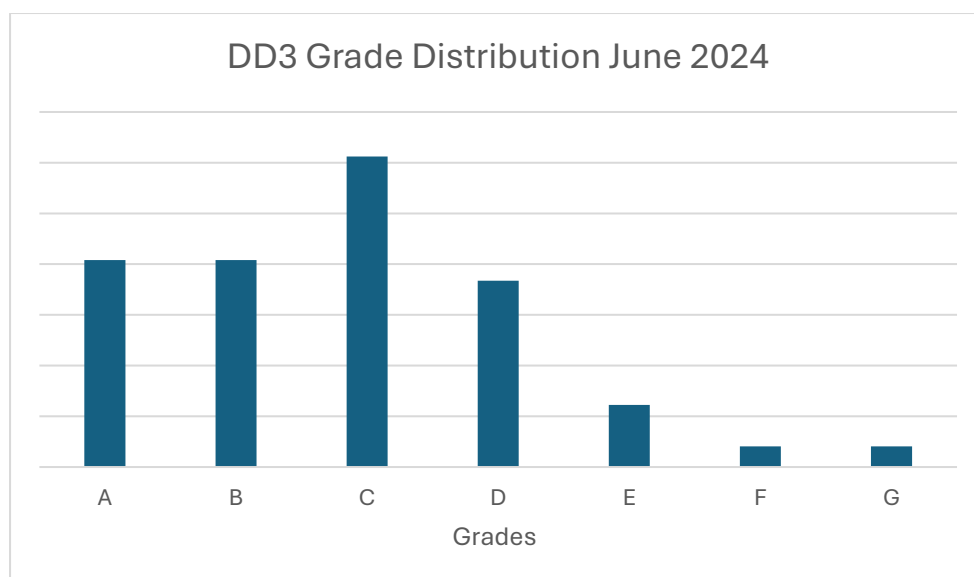
The Diploma level qualification examinations are aimed at testing knowledge across the full breadth of the syllabus, not just specific units or topics. To ensure a positive result when taking the examination candidates must ensure that they have learnt and revised the full breadth of the syllabus.

This knowledge is tested in two ways:

- Section A of the examination which is a series of 'short answer questions' across topics and
- Section B of the examination where candidates have the opportunity to demonstrate the depth of their knowledge through answering their selection of four 'long answer questions' from the six provided.

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- N^o candidates completed = 49
- Average time candidates spent in exam = 3 hrs 5 mins (the total time available to candidates is 3hrs +15 mins reading time)
- Overall cohort pass rate = 90%
- Cohort performance split by grade boundary:



General Commentary from Examiners

Overall, a good performance by the cohort of candidates this year for this paper

Reading and Understanding

- If whilst taking their examination, candidates wish to pause on a question and move on to the next, they can use the 'flag' function in TestReach to select a question that they wish to come back to and check they have read what the question is asking, or re-check the answer they have chosen.

- Instructions on how to use this function are provided in the online tutorial that candidates are provided with at time of enrolment into the TR system a number of weeks in advance of their examination.

Time Management

- The examination commences with 15 minutes reading time, candidates are advised to utilise this time effectively to plan before commencing writing bearing in mind that
- Section A of the examination counts towards 33.3% of the total mark and
- Section B 66.6% of the total mark.
- It is also good examination practice for candidates to go back through their answers once finished, their examination before submitting it, to check they are happy with their responses.

Application of Knowledge

- It is useful to remind candidates that the two sections of the examination are there to test different skills;
 - Section A requires short answers that may test recall, terminology, standard equations or principles.
 - Section B requires candidates to demonstrate application of their knowledge as well as utilising their real-world experiences. Answers should include full sentences, rather than bullet point answers, depth, full explanations, and details of processes.
- Additionally, some general feedback on examination questions as follows
 - Except for a small number of candidates (one of whom almost wrote a perfect answer), the topic of process control was generally not well answered by candidates. This topic is ever more important in the industry as the advanced process control, digitisation and AI become more prevalent in day-to-day operations as confirmed by senior industry leaders.
 - The topics of fluid flow & energy elicited a very mixed level of candidate response and results.