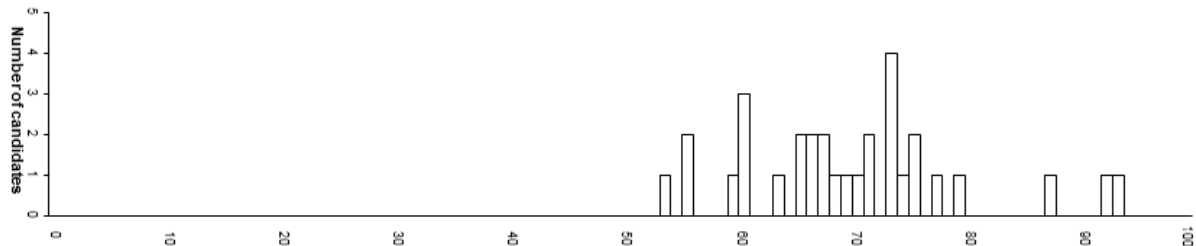




## Summary report for candidates on the 2014 WACE examination in Marine and Maritime Studies Stage 3

Year	Number who sat	Number of absentees
2014	31	1
2013	62	0
2012	16	0

### Examination score distribution



### Summary

The examination had a mean of 70.49%. Candidates scores for the examination ranged from a minimum of 53.64% to a maximum of 94.36%.

Section means were:

Section One: Multiple-choice	Mean 15.10(/20)	Max 18.00	Min 11.00
Section Two: Short answer	Mean 34.67(/50)	Max 48.21	Min 24.64
Section Three: Extended answer	Mean 20.73(/30)	Max 28.50	Min 10.50

### General comments

This was a straight forward examination but candidates were often required to apply ideas in unfamiliar contexts. It was pleasing to note that most candidates made thorough and genuine attempts across the whole paper. Reading and deconstructing the question was a problem for some and much time and energy was spent writing answers to questions that had not been asked. Although a small number of candidates sat the paper this year, the quality of their answers continued the upward trend noted over the past few years.

### Advice for candidates

- Understand the specific terminology used in Marine and Maritime Studies. Incorrect understanding leads to time spent on incorrect answers. There is such diversity in the syllabus, in terms of content, therefore a significant amount of time should be invested on coming to grips with the language. Your efforts will be rewarded.
- Look at how many marks each question is worth and then include that particular number of specific points in your answer. Many responses this year were weak, vague and lacked sufficient development of ideas.
- Always include units in your calculations and show all of your working. Marks are allocated to working out.