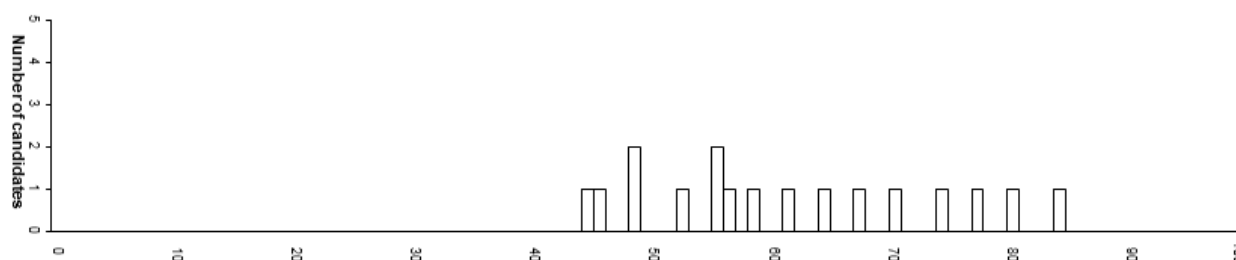




## Summary report for candidates on the 2014 WACE examination in Plant Production Systems Stage 3

Year	Number who sat	Number of absentees
2014	17	0
2013	39	0
2012	24	0

### Examination score distribution



### Summary

The 2014 Plant Production Systems Stage 3 examination was completed well by most candidates. The length of the examination was appropriate as all candidates completed the paper in the allocated time. The marking key discriminated between responses.

The level of difficulty of the examination was appropriate to the stage, with a mean of 62.15%, similar to the 2013 mean of 61%. Scores ranged from 45.13% to 84.79%, showing a reasonable spread.

Candidates found the multiple-choice (mean of 71%) the easiest section. The production practices section is usually the easiest for candidates, though this year the mean of 63% was lower than the 2013 mean of 67%. The mean for the short answer section was higher (62.4% in 2014 compared to 59% in 2013). The extended answer section mean was lower at 54.2% (compared to 59% in 2013).

### General comments

#### Advice for candidates

- Read multiple-choice questions carefully, particularly ones with a negative stem e.g. 'which of the following is **not**' ...
- For extended answer questions, check that you have answered all components of the question to achieve full marks.