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# Synoptic Practical Examination Criteria

iHB3D14 – VTCT (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Advanced  
and Corrective Hair Colouring Services

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Learners must complete a synoptic practical examination as part of the Level 3 Diploma in Advanced and Corrective Hair Colouring Services. The practical examination will be externally set by the VTCT (ITEC) and examined and marked by an External Examiner. Learners will be expected to demonstrate excellent hygiene and client care throughout the service as well as competence in their relevant skills.

## Client requirements

Centres must identify suitable clients for the examination. Centres may ask learners to identify suitable clients. Clients must meet all of the following requirements:

- be prepared for the service by having a skin test completed 24 - 48 hours prior to appointment, following manufacturer's instructions
- be 16 years or over
- be willing to accept a physical and visible change in hair colour
- not have hairdressing knowledge or experience
- provide consent to participate

It is the responsibility of the centre and learner to work collaboratively to ensure that:

- A minimum of **one** suitable client is provided for the examination purposes

Learners will be expected to perform the following services for the synoptic practical examination:

## Colour and lighten hair using creative techniques

- Create a two-tone effect on the hair with the use of **two** different colouring and/or lightening products
- Use both a weaving and slicing technique
- Weaves/slices must cover a minimum of 75% of the hair

## Colour correction techniques

- Use a minimum of **one** of the following techniques:
  - Restore depth and tone
  - Neutralise unwanted tones

## Styling and finishing hair

- Style and finish the hair in accordance with agreed finish

## Time allocation

- The time allocated for this examination is a **maximum of four hours**

## Practical examination grade

All sections of the Examiner's Assessment Form must be demonstrated by the learner. Failure to demonstrate any section of the Examiner's Assessment Form will result in non-achievement of the practical examination. The practical examination will be graded:

- Pass 60% - 74%
- Merit 75% - 89%
- Distinction 90% - 100%

## Marking criteria for Level 3 Diploma in advanced and corrective hair colouring services

\*In order to achieve a minimum of a pass grade, learners must achieve a minimum of 3 marks from each of the first 3 sections.

### \*Appearance – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner demonstrated:

1. Clean, ironed professional wear with no visible underwear and fully enclosed shoes worn
2. Clean, neat, styled hair
3. Clean, maintained hands and nails
4. Appropriate personal protective clothing throughout the service
5. Professionalism by not chewing gum, no sucking of sweets and no body or breath odour

### \*Client care – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Greeted and introduced self to client and assisted the client to the chair/work station
2. Explained the service procedure thoroughly to the client
3. Ensured correct positioning of the client, protected the client's clothing and skin appropriately and checked the client's comfort throughout the service
4. Maintained a positive and professional approach to client throughout the service
5. Ensured ergonomic working practices of self throughout the service

### \*Hygiene and sterilisation – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Wiped equipment and work area over with appropriate sanitiser before and after use
2. Sanitised hands before, during and after service as appropriate
3. Used clean towels and gowns throughout the service
4. Ensured that lids are replaced on products and disposed of general waste hygienically and appropriately
5. Maintained own work area and equipment, used and stored equipment appropriately

### Consultation – 10 marks (2 marks each)

The learner:

1. Used a variety of consultation techniques to identify the client's needs and expectations of the service
2. Conducted appropriate consultation tests to analyse the hair and scalp and identified any previous chemical treatments
3. Checked the skin and scalp for any contra-indications to the service
4. Identified any influencing factors that could limit or affect the service
5. Advised clients, agreed services and products and provided aftercare advice and recommendations to the client

### Colour and lighten hair using creative techniques – 30 marks (6 marks each)

The learner:

1. Prepared the work area and assembled all tools and equipment required in preparation for the creative colour and/or lighten service
2. Selected suitable colouring products for the client's requirements and mixed the colouring and/or lightening products in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
3. Performed the colour application accurately and in accordance with the agreed desired look
4. Conducted strand tests at suitable times throughout the developing process to check accuracy of the application, and performed visual checks to ensure exact development time of colouring and/or lightening products
5. Ensured the removal of colouring and/or lightening products was thorough to confirm the hair and scalp were free of colour and the desired colouring effect had been achieved

### Colour correction techniques – 30 marks (6 marks each)

The learner:

1. Prepared the work area and assembled all tools and equipment required in preparation for the colour correction service
2. Selected suitable colouring products for the client's requirements and mixed the colouring and/or lightening products in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
3. Performed the colour application accurately and in accordance with the agreed desired look
4. Conducted strand tests at suitable times throughout the developing process to check accuracy of the application, and performed visual checks to ensure exact development time of colouring and/or lightening products
5. Ensured the removal of colouring and/or lightening products was thorough to confirm the hair and scalp were free of colour and the desired colouring effect had been achieved

### Styling and finishing the hair – 15 marks (3 marks each)

The learner:

1. Selected and used appropriate styling and finishing products in accordance with the hair classification type, hair condition and agreed desired finished look
2. Applied accurate and appropriate sectioning methods throughout the styling and finishing service
3. Ensured correct use of styling equipment and applied effective control of the client's hair during the styling and finishing process
4. Ensured correct use of heated equipment and applied effective control of the client's hair during the finishing process
5. Confirmed the finished look is balanced meets the agreed desired effect

## Document History

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