

Foundation Degree General Regulations

Appendix 1: Foundation Degree Conceptual Equivalents Scale

Conceptual Equivalent	Descriptor	Mark Band	Criteria
70+ Pass with high commendation	Excellent	70-100	An answer which shows conclusive attainment of virtually all of intended learning outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. An in depth knowledge and understanding ii. Is comprehensive and accurate iii. Is presented in a clear and cogent manner iv. Highly significant evidence of wide use of learning resources v. Makes effective use of language vi. Displays some of the following characteristics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. originality of exposition or treatment b. evidence of insight c. critical evaluation
60+ Pass with commendation	Very Good	60-69	An answer which shows a highly satisfactory range of attainment of intended learning outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Shows a degree of originality ii. Is generally accurate and reasonably detailed iii. Displays a good understanding of the main principles and a reasonable grasp of details iv. Shows strong and coherent argumentation v. Is presented in a logical fashion vi. Makes frequent reference to appropriate material vii. Evidence of wide use of learning resources
40-59 Pass	Strong Pass	50-59	An answer which shows acceptable attainment of learning outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Displays evidence of understanding of main principles ii. Reasonably developed arguments iii. Satisfactory understanding of module material iv. May contain important inaccuracies or omissions v. May lack a coherent structure vi. Limited reference to resources outside module material
	Adequate Pass	40-49	An answer which shows acceptable attainment of learning outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Shows fair understanding of main issues in question ii. Acceptable level of written expression iii. Makes no references to resources outside module material iv. May answer the question indirectly or may lack supporting evidence v. Makes minimal reference to relevant module material vi. Shows poor use of language, although the meaning is understandable vii. understandable
Below 40 Fail	Marginal Fail	35-39	Unsatisfactory, an answer which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Displays a very limited understanding of the aim of the question ii. Is sparse in material and lacking in organisation iii. Contains material that is inappropriately used or of limited relevance iv. Proceeds by way of assertions unsupported by appropriate evidence v. Shows poor use of language with significant grammatical and other errors
	Fail	0-34	A poor answer which: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Shows a complete lack of understanding of the question ii. Provides very little of any relevance and value to the question iii. Makes an incoherent argument iv. Shows poor use of language with significant grammatical and other errors