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The pass mark, number of candidates writing, the effective number writing (those who achieved at least 50% of the passing score), the number passing, the percentage passing, and the percentage effective passing for the respective examinations is as follows:

EXAMINATION P/1

Exam	Pass Mark	N	# Effective	# Passing	% Passing	% Effective Passing
P/1	63%*	2436	2113	943	38.7	44.6

* The Pass Mark for Computer Based Testing

Examination P/1 is administered using computer-based testing (CBT). Under CBT, it is not possible to schedule everyone to take the examination at the same time. As a result, each administration consists of multiple versions of the examination given over a period of several days. The examinations are constructed and scored using Item Response Theory (IRT). Under IRT, each operational item that appears on an examination has been calibrated for difficulty and other test statistics and the pass mark for each examination is determined before the examination is given. All versions of the examination are constructed to be of comparable difficulty to one another.

For the September 2009 administration of Examination P/1, an average of 63% correct was needed to pass the exam.