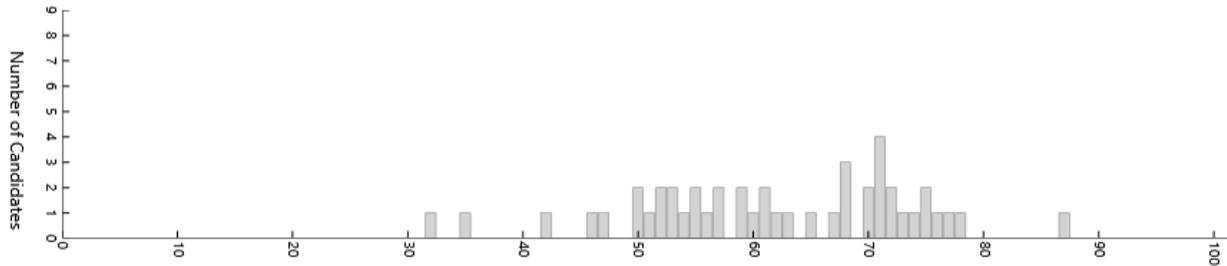




Summary report of the 2016 ATAR course examination: Plant Production Systems

Year	Number who sat	Number of absentees
2016	46	1

Examination score distribution



Summary

This was the first year that candidates undertook the Plant Production Systems ATAR course. The examination consisted of three sections. The candidates were required to complete all the questions in sections one and two. Section three had three questions, one compulsory and a choice from the other two. The examination allowed discrimination between candidate responses and most questions were well attempted. The examination mean was 61.7% and a standard deviation of 11.67%. The scores ranged from 32.41% to 86.84%.

Section means were:

Section One: Multiple-choice	Mean 14.67(/20)	Max 19.00	Min 9.00
Section Two: Short answer	Mean 31.18(/50)	Max 45.21	Min 15.16
Section Three: Extended answer	Mean 15.85(/30)	Max 24.00	Min 3.38

General comments

The responses by the candidates indicated that they were a strong group, that were willing to attempt all questions and their answers were overall factual. Candidates seem to be well prepared generally with a strong base knowledge of the Plant Production Systems course. Candidates were able to apply their knowledge in the extended answer questions. The structure of the paper (one less essay to write than previous years) also seemed to help the candidates to use their time wisely and provide a better standard of response than previous years.

Advice for candidates

- Read the question more than once and jot down the main points, develop a plan, make sure that you answer the question and not just write down general information.
- Practice writing answers so you don't waste words but get to the point of the answer leaving time to develop your response e.g. to illustrate your answer.
- Write your answers clearly and legibly and pay attention to detail in the question.

