



## Stage 2: Product Safety Written Examiner's Report May 2023

### General

A similar number of candidates sat this exam to the same time last year, and overall marks were similar ranging from 33% to 76% prior to moderation with all but two candidates passing the examination.

All candidates appeared to have read the examination instructions and followed them, with there being no wasted effort as in the previous large cohorts. That said, it was clear that some candidates had not yet mastered the timings of the examination with detailed treatment of some questions whilst others appeared rushed in their brevity. The risk of this can be minimised by practicing examination questions in a timed environment in advance of the examination.

The standard of handwriting generally meant that the examiner was able to read scripts without significant difficulty, which is appreciated.

There was still some basic knowledge missing, or misapplied, but generally the standard was good

more structured questions.

Question seven was attempted by the majority of candidates but many miscategorised battery operated products as electrical equipment and therefore missed many of the marks which were allocated for a discussion of the machinery regulations.

Question 8 on the safety of children's jewellery was generally well answered and there was often a good discussion of sectoral as well as product risk, and sampling and testing plans, as well as the follow up actions were adequately treated.

Question 9 was also attempted by a significant number of candidates and although generally well answered there seems to be a shortage of understanding of the requirements and the