

Remarks from the Examination Board for the European Qualifying Examination 2007

1. The Examination Board has decided to cease publication of candidates' answers papers of the 2007 examination for the following reasons:

Examination papers can often be answered in different ways. Candidates' scripts, however, normally show only one possibility. Even the choice of very good answer papers cannot remedy that deficit. During the last years the examiners' reports contained much more details about what was expected from candidates. In the opinion of the Examination Board, this is a much better tool for understanding examination papers and preparing for the examination.

2. For the European qualifying examination 2007, the Examination Board has exceptionally decided to award 10 additional points to the grade of paper C for each candidate.

Taking all factors concerning the examination process including the marking of the examination answer papers into consideration, the Examination Board exercised its powers (see Art.7(3) REE: The Board shall ... determine the grades for each paper and decide whether a candidate has passed or failed.) and gave a general increase to all candidates of paper C. The Examination Board took this exceptional decision in the light of the circumstances without this constituting a precedent for future decisions.

The Examination Board takes the opportunity to remind all candidates to read the examination papers and their questions very carefully before beginning to draft their answers to the papers, and to use the information given therein. Failure to do so can result in overlooking issues which are expected to be considered or discussed, or in applying inappropriate provisions or simply in answering questions not posed.