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Paper 5201

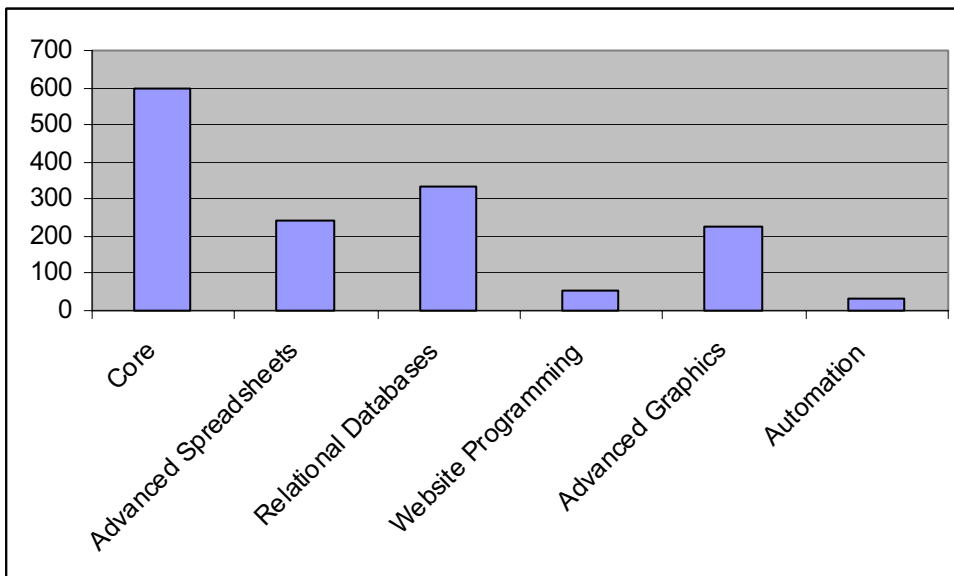
Communication, Data Management, Systems Management

General

The had 7509 English entries and 355 in Spanish. The total numbers of entries at each level in English were 1875 entries at Foundation Level, 4147 were at Standard Level and 1487 at Advanced Level. This indicates a 28% increase in Foundation entries, 4% increase in standard level entries and 36% increase in advanced entries. Spanish entries declined significantly from the previous year.

Advanced Level

This level comprised a core module and five enhancement modules.



There overall pass rate for these modules was very similar to last year's rate.

5201 Advanced Core

This module continues to be popular with a 53% increase in entries from last year. The most common errors were:

- The failure to submit all the required printouts, particularly the two different copies of the document production section. A significant number of candidates completed and printed the final version of the document but failed to submit the intermediate printout of their work.
- The failure to understand the generic terms serif, and sans-serif. Many candidates tried to locate these as font styles rather than understanding that fonts such as Times New Roman contain short strokes or serifs on each letter, and that sans-serif fonts are without these.
- Errors in searching and sorting the database extract (particularly in maintaining the data integrity).
- Errors in page layout with the failure to set margins or column widths as specified.
- The failure to resize the imported graphic or to text wrap around this graphic.
- Errors inserting new text into a numbered list and renumbering as specified in the question paper.

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Paper 5202

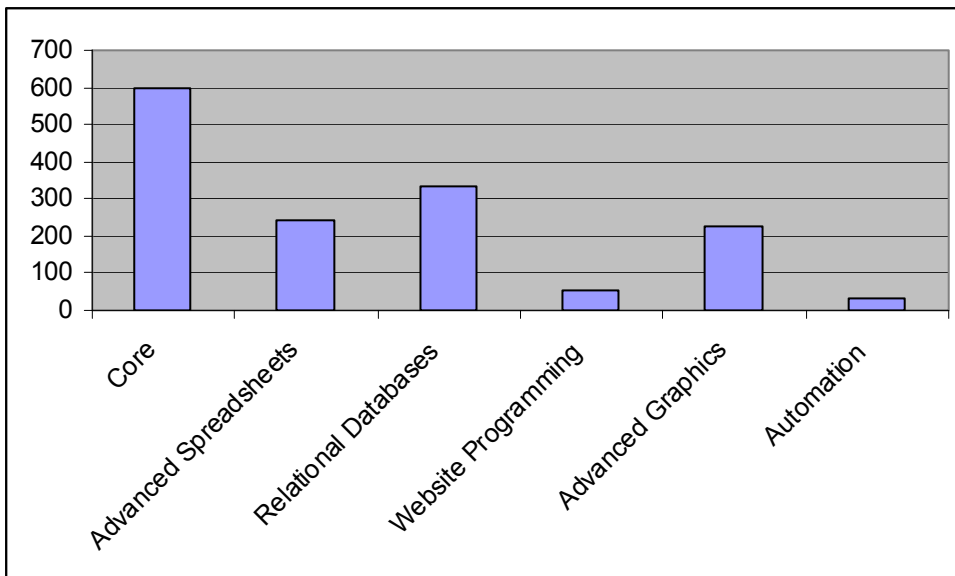
Advanced Spreadsheets

General

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5202 Advanced Spreadsheets

Entries for this module were slightly lower than last year and the majority of entries for this module were either very good or contained quite a number of mistakes. The most common errors included:

- The failure to correctly construct the pivot table or to construct it based upon the wrong data.
- Candidates did not use named cells or named ranges.
- Candidates did not refer to external files.
- Candidates did not use a cell reference to an external file.
- Candidates who could not produce formulae printouts of their work.
- The failure to manipulate strings within the spreadsheet.
- Column widths too narrow to enable either the value or all of the label and/or formulae to be viewed.
- The failure to format cells as specified.

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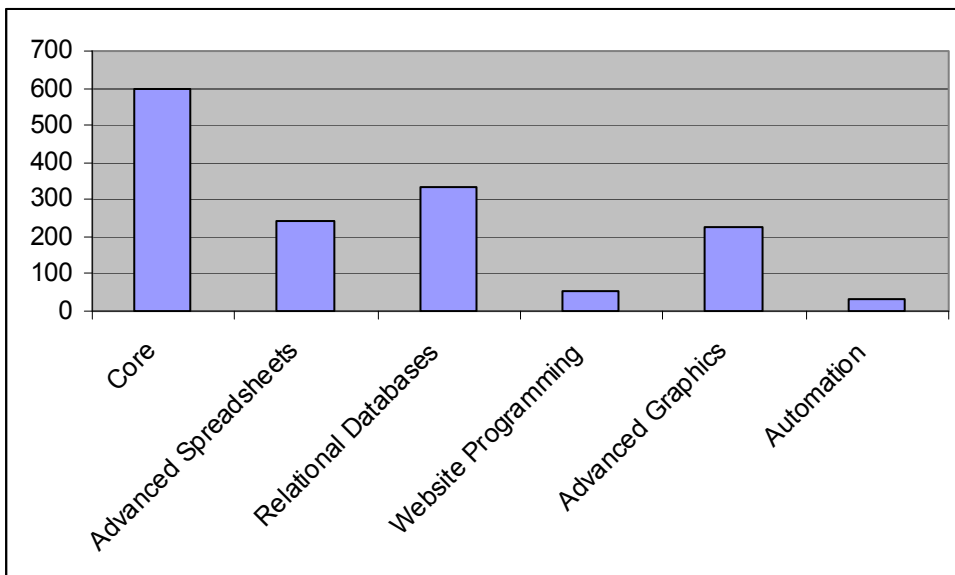
Relational Databases

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5205 Advanced Relational Databases

There was an improvement in the quality of work submitted for this module. The most common errors were:

- The failure to complete the paper in the allocated time.
- The failure to select the data using a wildcard.
- The failure to produce grouped reports, or if produced they were grouped on the wrong fields.
- The failure to sort database reports by the required fields. On some occasions the candidates confused ascending and descending order and on others got the sort priorities in the wrong order.
- Cross-tab queries (pivot tables) were not completed correctly, usually because the wrong source of data was selected.

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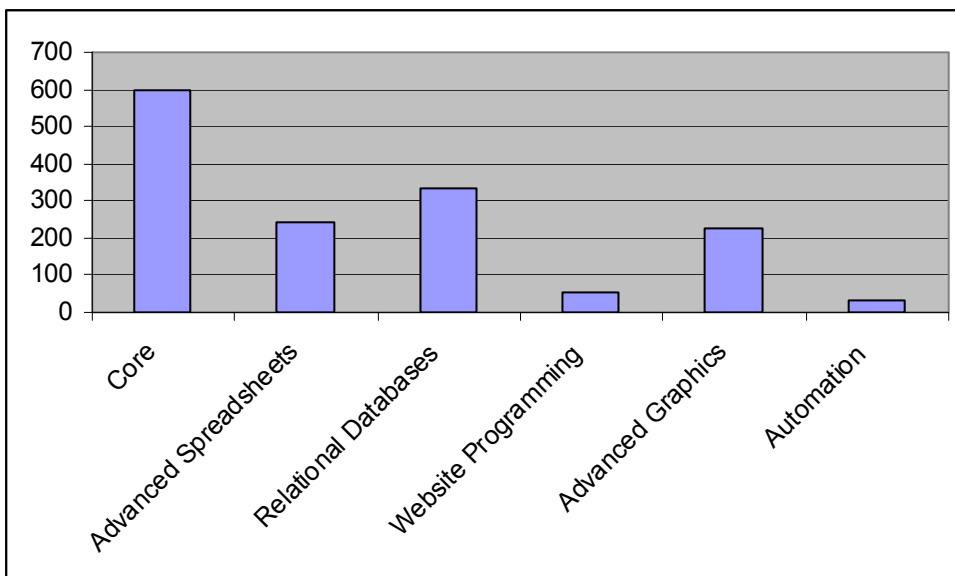
Website Programming

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Advanced Level

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5206 Advanced Website Programming

There was a huge improvement in the quality of submissions in this module. The most common errors were:

- The failure to place radio buttons or a check box on the input form.
- The failure to perform a length check on the data entered onto the form.
- Some candidates did not complete the paper.
- Candidates could design the web site front end, few managed to correctly validate the data entry and write the data into a data file.

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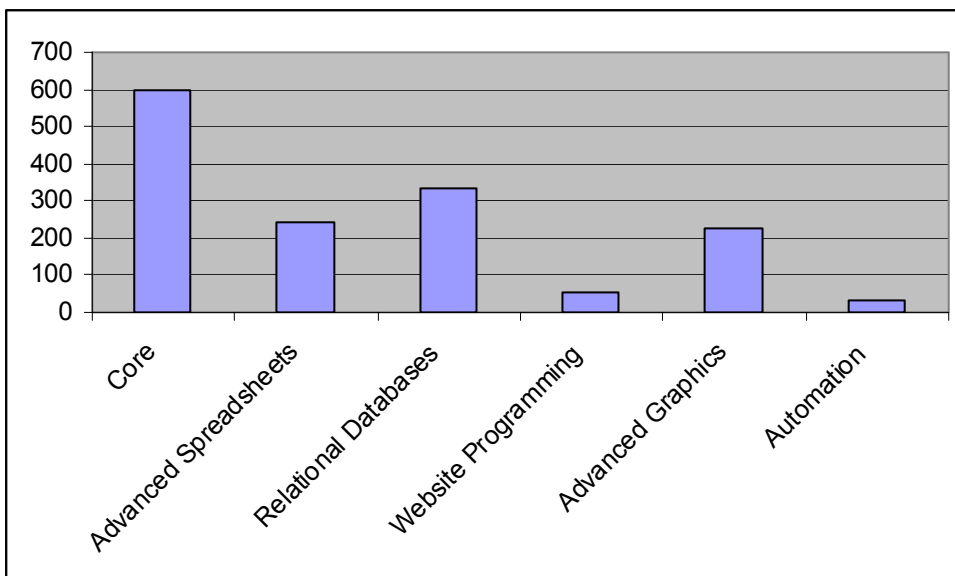
Paper 5207 Advanced Graphics

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5207 Advanced Graphics

This module was completed extremely well by the vast majority of candidates. The most common errors were:

- The failure to use a colour mask within a layer.
- The failure was the inability to print in colour. This module must be printed in colour to enable the Examiner to mark the script.

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Paper 5208

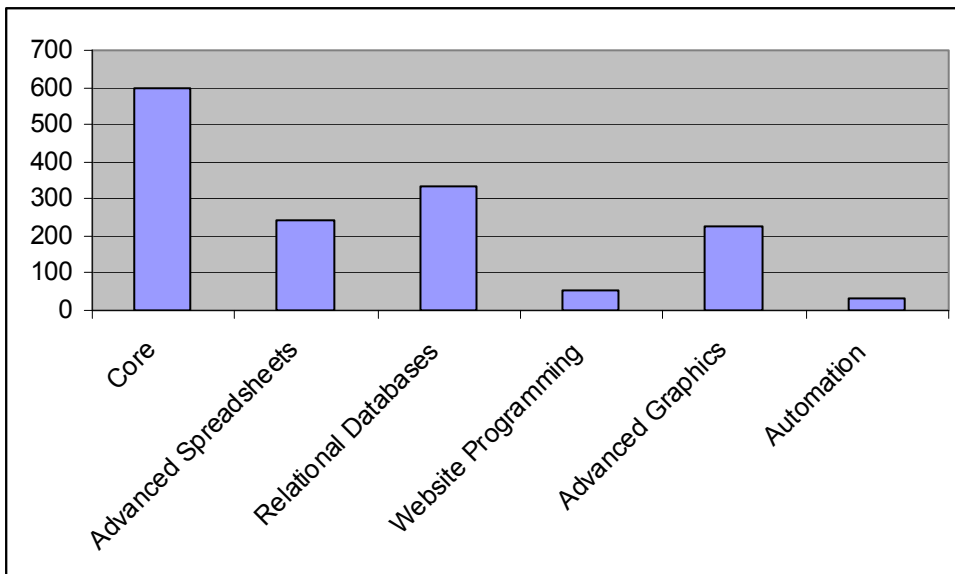
Automation

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5208 Advanced Automation

The quality of candidates' work for this module was significantly improved from the standards submitted last year. The most common errors were:

- The failure to print the underlying code evidencing the selection of the record from the database with the menu options.
- The failure to complete the paper in the time allocated, or to print out all of the required printouts.
- The lack of automation of the documents using commands like FILLIN and conditional operators like SKIPIF using these commands at run time.
- The inability to use or print an automated menu (either by printing out the VB, macros, hyperlinks or other methods of routing).