



Vocationally Related Qualification

Counselling 0515

V22W Therapeutic Practice

Mark Scheme

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Guidelines

1. Use **RED** ink.
2. Show marks awarded for each objective in the right hand margin with objective identified.
3. Show total marks for each page at the bottom right hand corner of the page.

Assessment Objective A – Have identified and evaluated key concepts of the core model.

- (Band 1) Limited to concepts identification.
2 marks for each concept correctly identified. (Marks 0-8)
- (Band 2) Satisfactory understanding of key concepts mentioned and described.
Description, is, the key – good descriptions, 2 marks. (Marks 9-17)
- (Band 3) Extensive understanding of key concepts mentioned, described and their application explored.
For full marks at least 2 key concepts from the core theory to have been critically analysed (references needed). (Marks 18-25)

Assessment Objective B – Reflect on challenges to and limitations of the core model.

- (Band 1) Very limited understanding.
1 mark for each challenge or limitation identified. (Marks 0-3)
- (Band 2) Satisfactory understanding with example(s).
Additional marks for appropriate examples from practice 1 mark for each. (Marks 4-7)
- (Band 3) Extensive understanding with example(s) explored.
Shows an ability to expand on practical and theoretical reasons why:- (Marks 8-10)

Assessment Objective C – Develop self awareness in relation to the core model.

- (Band 1) Very limited insight into the effects of the process on the counsellor.
Limited attention given to supervision of practice. Gives examples of self awareness – 1 mark for each example. Taking to supervision 2 marks, mentioning supervision 1 mark (Marks 0-5)
- (Band 2) Satisfactory insight into effects of the process on the counsellor.
Specific examples given and satisfactory attention to supervision. Expanding or examples by relating to core theory and as own practice. 1-2 marks for each extract explored. (Marks 6-10)
- (Band 3) Extensive insight into effects of the process on the counsellor.
Specific example given and explored in depth. Good attention to supervision. Points explored in detail with reference to core theory and personal support. (Marks 11-15)

Assessment Objective D – Skills of contracting with clients and forming a therapeutic relationship.

(Band 1) Limited use of counselling skills.

Limited understanding of the contracting process and the therapeutic relationship. Contract conditions 1 mark each – up to 6 marks. (Marks 0-6)

(Band 2) Satisfactory use of counselling skills.

Satisfactory understanding of the contracting process and the therapeutic relationship. Includes interpersonal skills 1 mark for each – up to 6 marks. (Marks 7-13)

(Band 3) Extensive use of advanced skills.

Good understanding of the contracting process and the therapeutic relationship. Ability to describe in detail a complete process. Up to 6 marks. (Marks 14-20)

Assessment Objective E – Understand the building and sustaining of therapeutic relationship.

(Band 1) Limited understanding of the building and sustaining of therapeutic relationship.

Limited to being able to identify specific skills. (Marks 0-3)

(Band 2) Satisfactory understanding of the building and sustaining of therapeutic relationship with at least one example.

1 – 3 marks for each expansion and response. (Marks 4-7)

(Band 3) Extensive understanding of the building and sustaining of therapeutic relationship and at least one example explored.

1 – 3 for exploring examples in practice. (Marks 8-10)

Assessment Objective F – Working ethically over the contracted period with clients

(Band 1) Limited understanding of an ethical framework.

Must mention BACP or other such body or naming /identifying a concept = 1 mark each. (Marks 0-3)

(Band 2) Satisfactory understanding of ethical framework with at least one example.

1 – 3 marks for each expansion and response. (Marks 4-7)

(Band 3) Extensive understanding of ethical framework and at least one example explored.

1-3 for exploring examples in practice. (Marks 8-10)

Assessment Objective G – Analysis and evaluation own practice.

- (Band 1) Limited description and narrative only shown.
8 sessions, what they are - 1 mark, who - 1 mark, setting - 1 mark. (Marks 0-3)
- (Band 2) Some analysis and evaluation of process shown.
8 hours evaluated. Identifies significant points and gives several examples of. (Marks 4-7)
- (Band 3) Analysis and evaluation showing good understanding of process.
*Identifies key points to illustrate core theory and on personal issues.
 Needs appropriate references.* (Marks 8-10)

Assessment Objective H – Presentation

Legibility	2
Layout	2
Word Count	2
References	2
Bibliography	2