Annotation has for the most part improved on previous iterations of this exam although it was disappointing to see a complete set of scripts devoid of annotations'





commented upon an issue that arose on occasion with the marking of integrated PSQs where there was the apparent inconsistency between marks awarded by the two markers. The external examiners have suggested possible solutions that the RVC should consider in order to avoid the situation arising in the future. The suggested strategies are:.

- 1. Dividing the scripts two or more markers cover the same question i.e. each mark 100 scripts part a -
- 2. Dividing the question each marker marks a part question for all scripts i.e one marker marks 200 scripts parts a & b and the other marks parts c & d.

Discussions are currently underway with Professor Catchpole (Director of assessment) regarding the potential way forward. Initial discussions favour adoption of option 2. A final decision will be forthcoming before the next call for questions (Dec 2017) for the end of year exams in June 2018.

As recommended by the external examiners, internal markers will be briefed to ensure they are aware of the potentially detrimental (and counter-intuitive) effects of overly lenient marking, due to its effects on the pass mark.

Those essay questions that were NOT answered as well as they ought to have been will be reviewed to understand and address any apparent deficits in knowledge within the student body.

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4.7 The standards set for the awards are appropriate for qualifications at this level, in this subject
Yes Additional comments, particularly if your an

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If you have identified any areas of good practice, please comment more fully here. We may use information provided in our annual external examining report: