Overall Comments

Only a moderate number of students sat the Port and Terminals examination paper. However those candidates who sat the exam, applied a high standard, and appeared well prepared for the examination.

Question One - Ship Types

Generally very well handled by students who gained good marks for discussing the vessel type, however fewer marks were achieved for the geographical aspect of the question, where students tend to be somewhat vague on voyages details.

Question Two - Tanker Jetty Layout

A well-answered question which candidates scored heavily. Most candidates were very comfortable with the concept and gave detailed answers on the jetty and shore side infrastructure to be found at a tanker jetty/terminal.

Question Three - Health And Safety

This question was not widely selected. However those candidates who did choose to answer the question did a reasonable job. Candidates tended to be able to discuss legislation such as HASAWA.

Question Four - Promotional Tools

A question which most candidates were very comfortable with and answered to a high standard. Most students used the “Four P’s” within the answer and also utilised good personal experience from within the Port industry to emphasise the points.

Question Five - Global Recession

Not a widely answered question by the candidates. However those who chose to do so, made a creditable attempt, giving issues such as safeguarding debt control as a significant example of how ports can protect themselves financially.
Question Six - Finance
Another question which was not widely answered.
However those who did attempt the question managed to supply a good overview of the various sources of investment, and also the types of economic appraisal methods.

Question Seven - Port Ownership
Most candidates tackled this question very well indeed. Candidates had numerous examples from working experience to enhance the various types of governmental ports, municipal ports, private and trust ports.

Question Eight - Abbreviations
A very well answered question by the candidates. Nearly all candidates appeared at ease with the various Port related abbreviations.