

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

PSYCHOLOGY ASSESSMENT RESCALING

In-Person MCQs: Performance and Scaling Decisions

21 January 2026

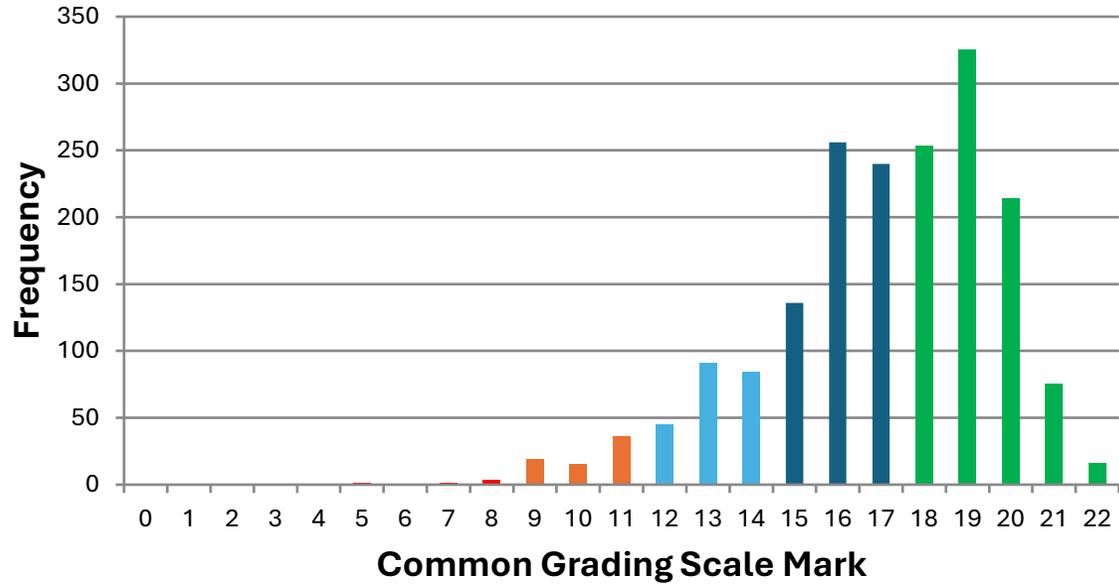
Overview

This academic year, MCQ examinations returned to in-person delivery.

- Online (2024) vs in-person (2025) MCQ performance
- Comparison with the last in-person cohort (2019)
- Scaling decision
- Performance outcomes following scaling

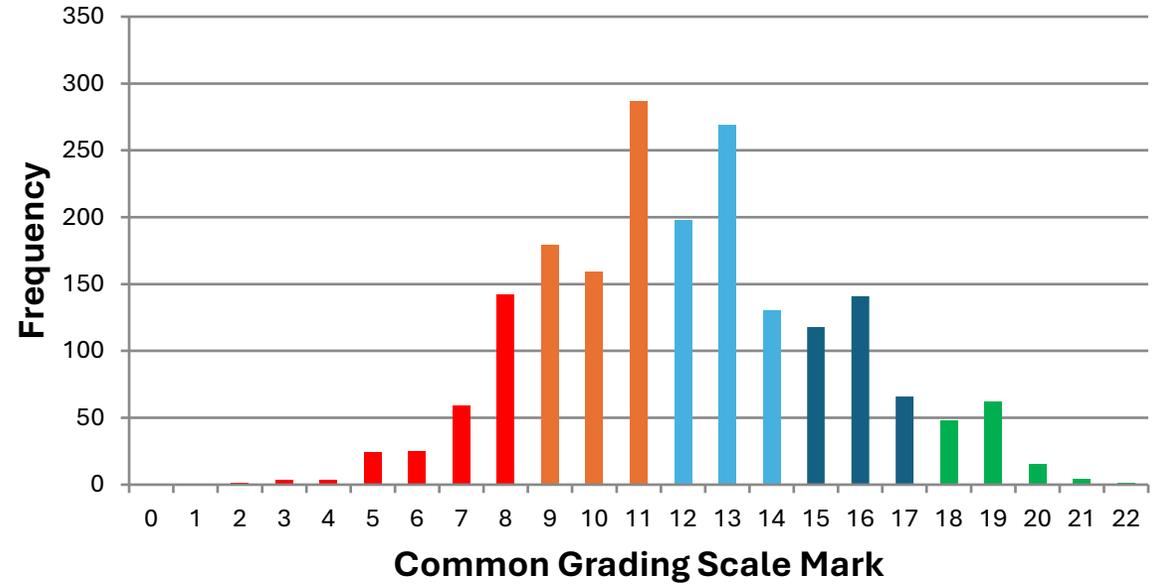
Online vs In-Person MCQs

Online MCQ - 2024



Mean = 17.51

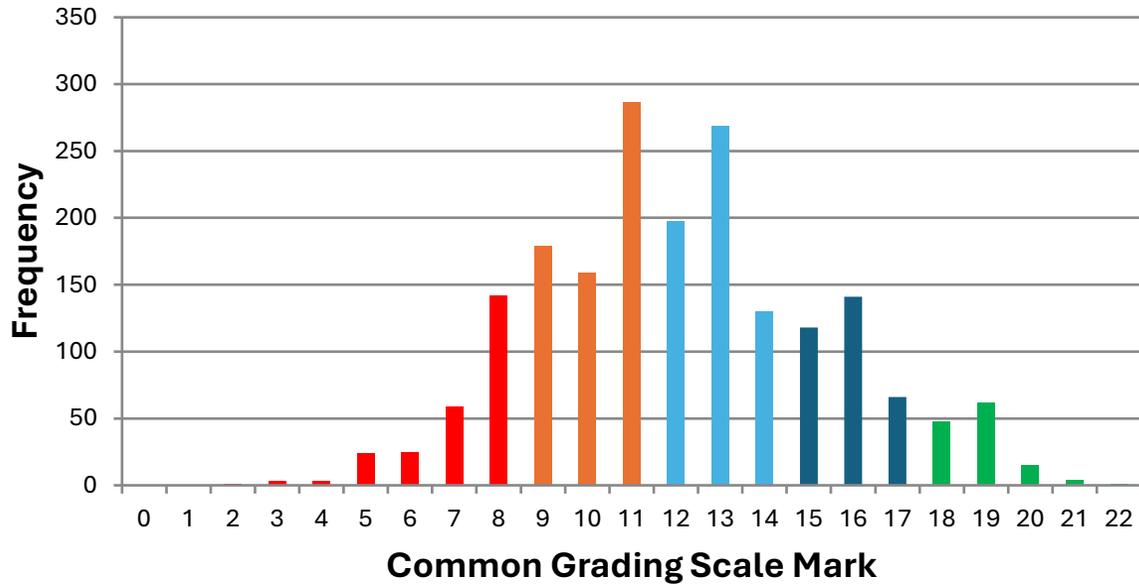
In Person MCQ - 2025



Mean = 12.62

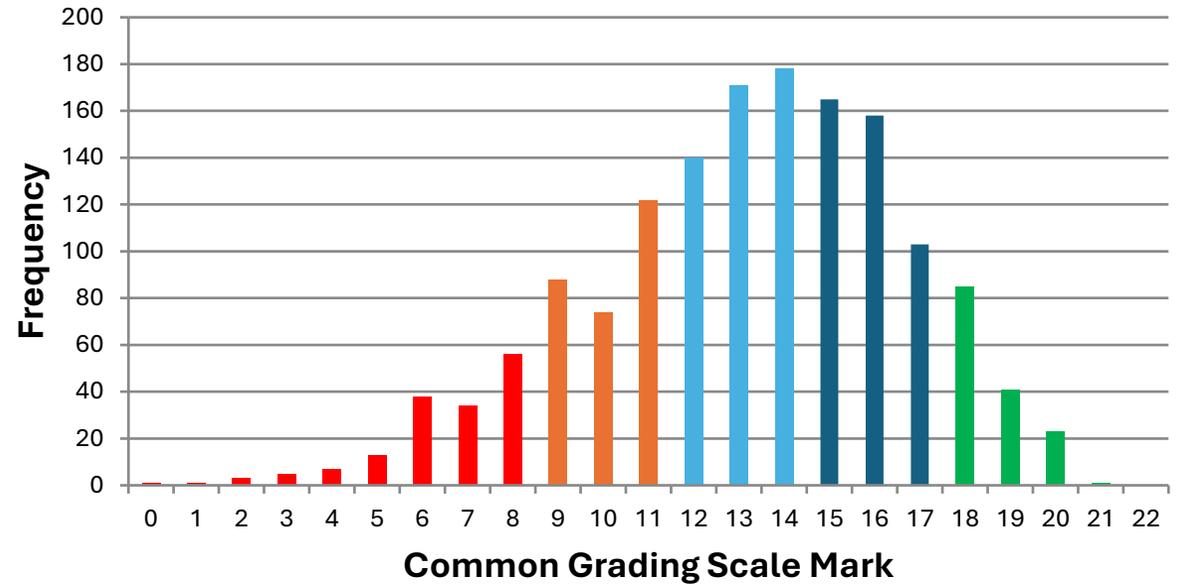
In-Person MCQs: 2025 vs 2019

In Person MCQ - 2025



Mean = 12.62

In Person MCQ - 2019



Mean = 13.79

Overall Decision

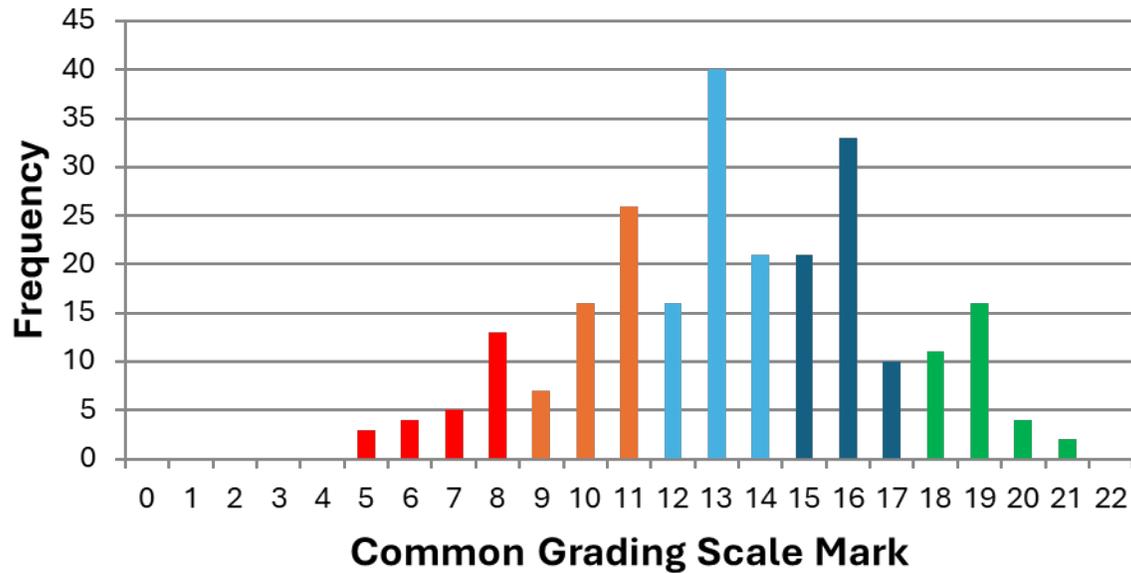
After careful consideration, we decided **not to apply a general MCQ correction**, as performance was broadly comparable to 2019.

However, an exception was identified for courses where students from the same cohort could have taken the assessment in either 2024 or 2025:

- PS3012-PS4037
 - PS3014-PS4033
 - PS5027
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- To improve parity across cohorts, a **10% MCQ uplift** was applied to these courses.

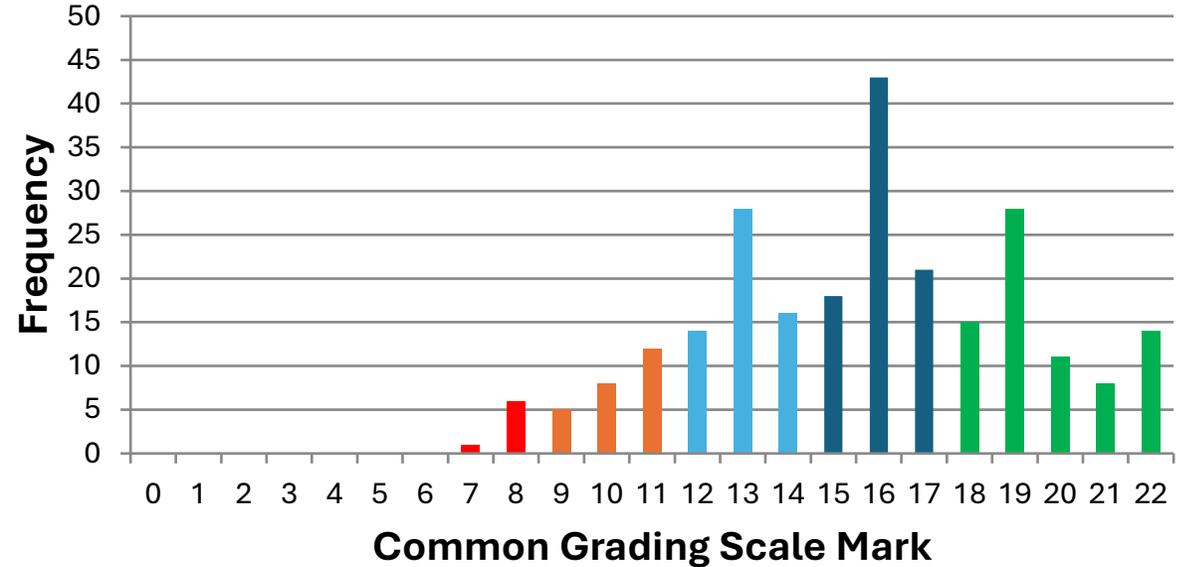
PS3012, PS3014, & PS5027: 10% MCQ Uplift

MCQ



Mean = 13.92

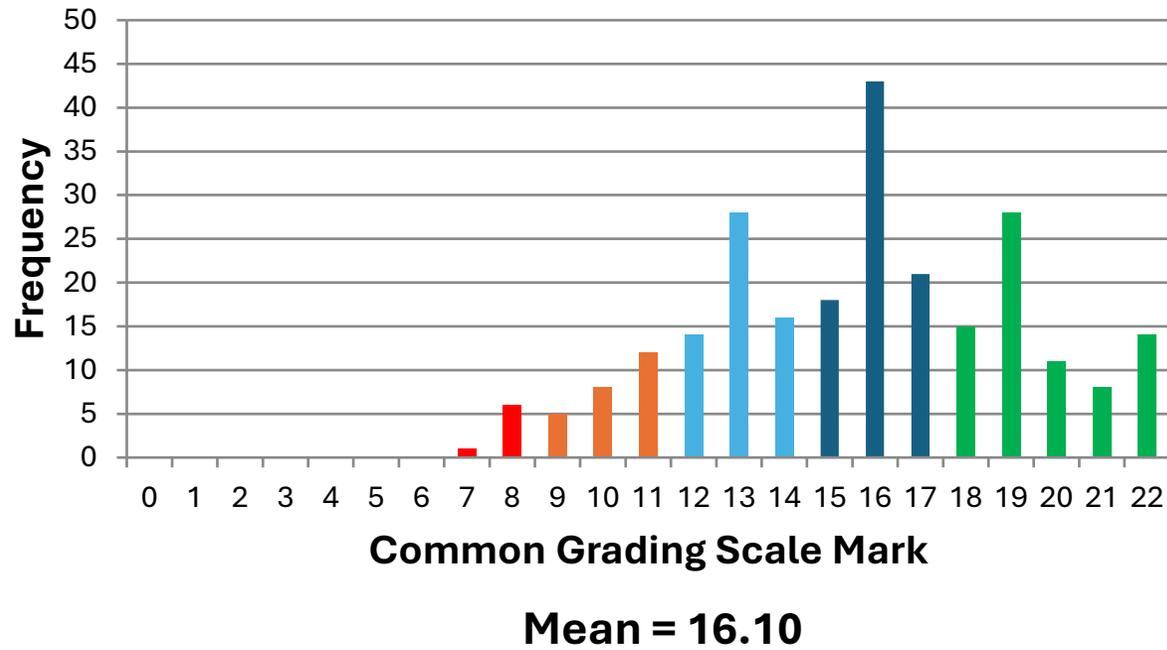
MCQ + 10%



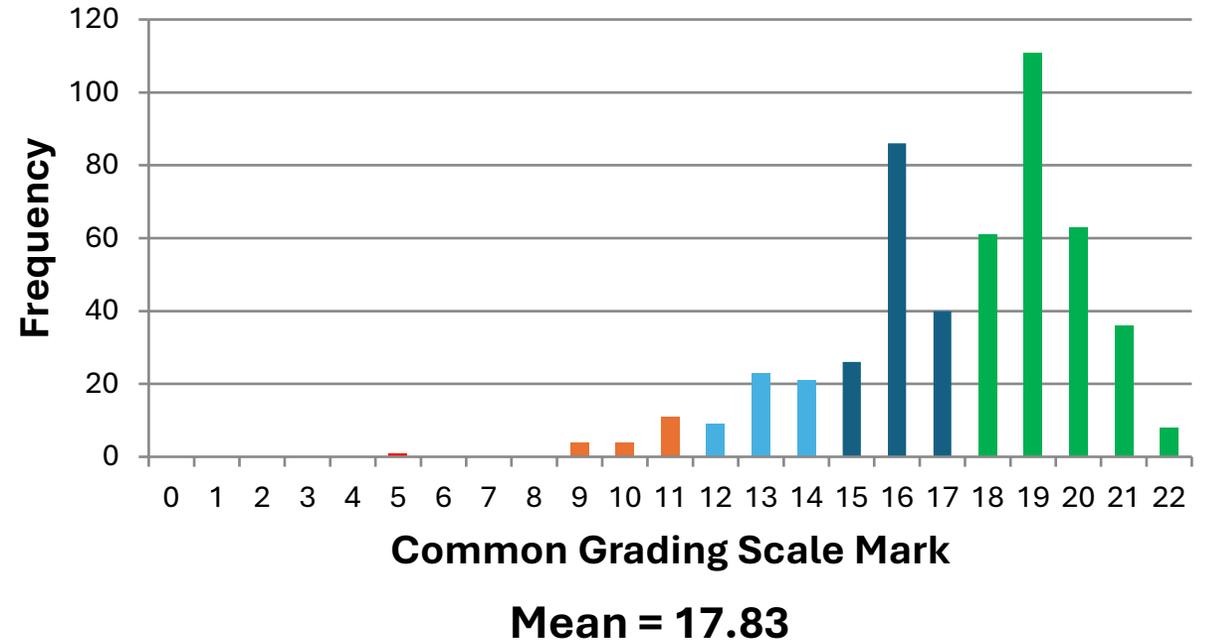
Mean = 16.10

PS3012, PS3014, & PS5027: 2025 vs 2024

2025 MCQ + 10%



2024 MCQ



Questions or comments?

Mark Rescaling Discussion

January 12, 2026

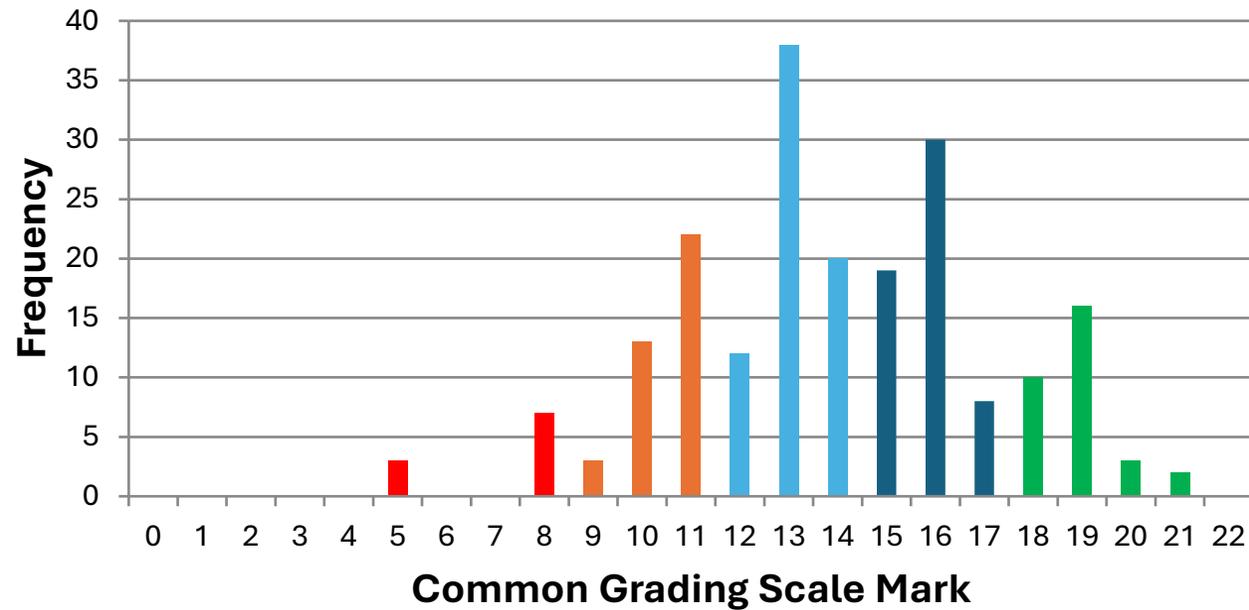
Recap

We propose to add 10% for the following MCQs:

- PS3012
- PS3014
- PS5027

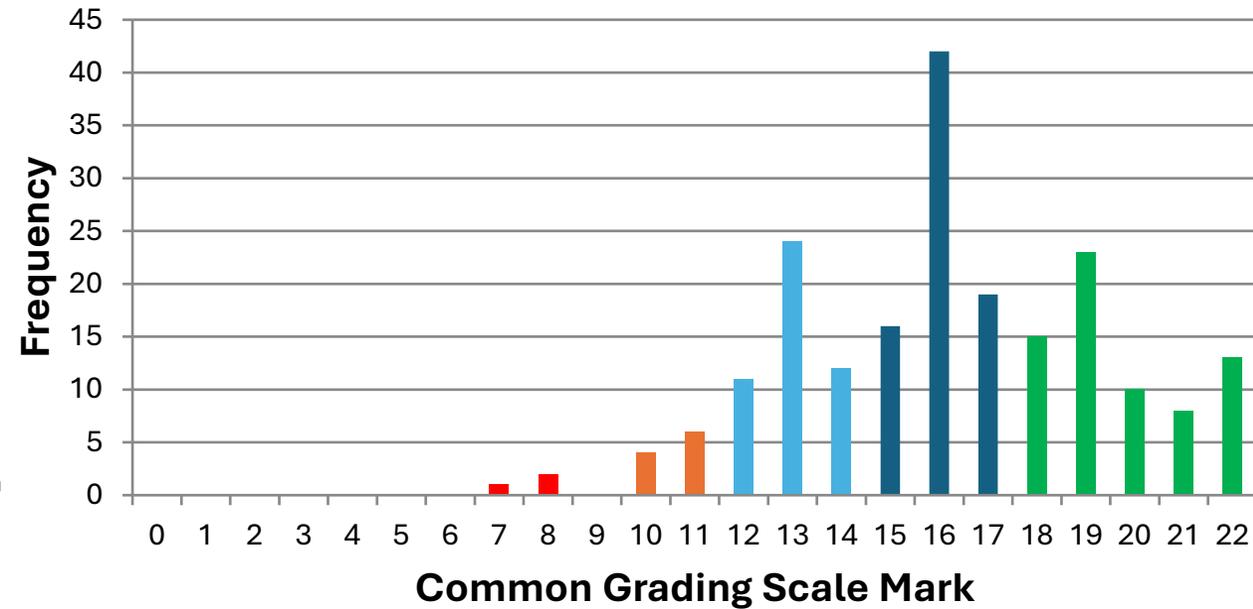
PS3012 MCQ

PS3012 MCQ



Mean = 14.46

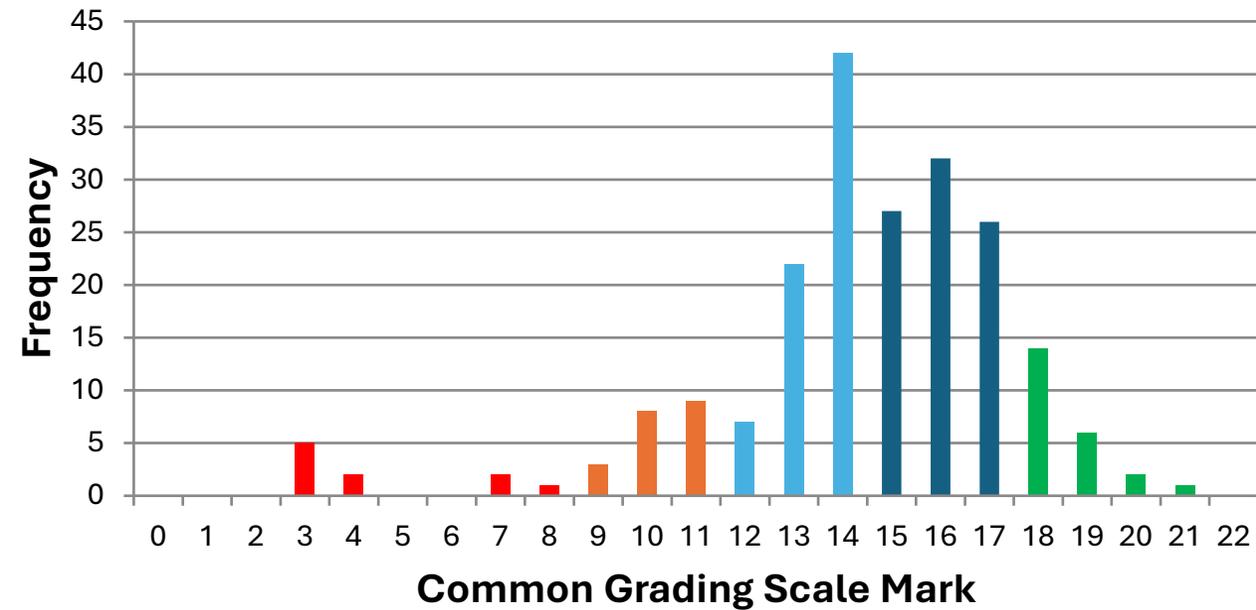
PS3012 MCQ + 10%



Mean = 16.63

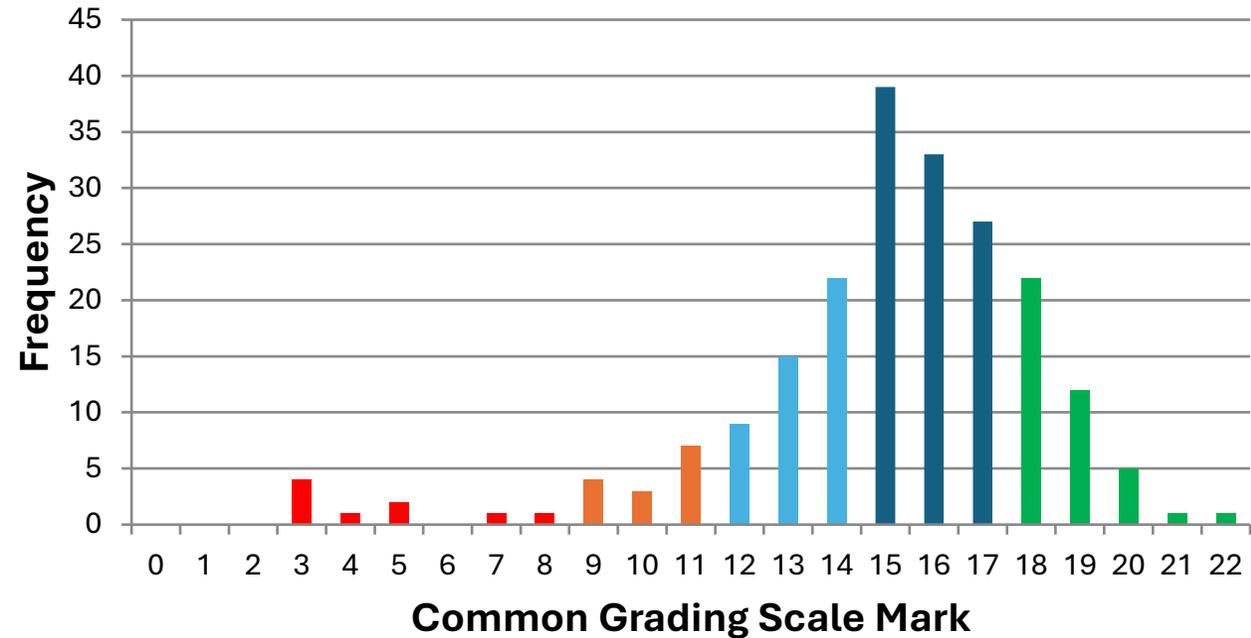
PS3012 Final Grade

PS3012 total



Mean = 14.82

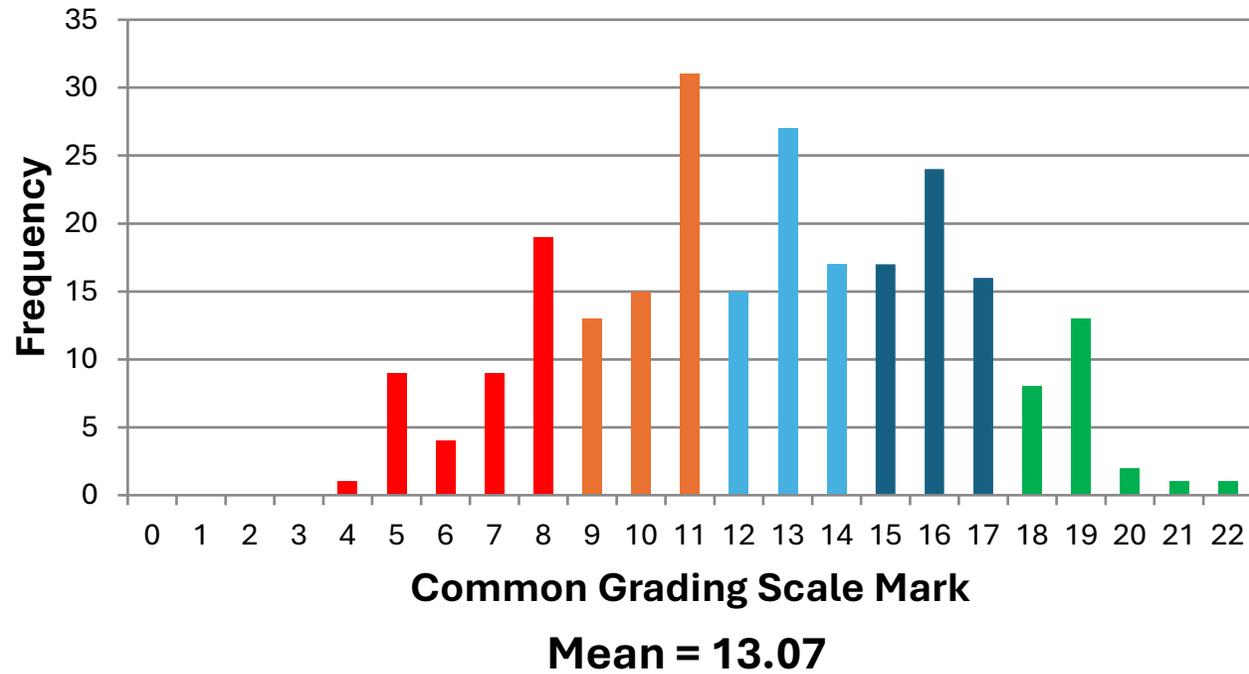
PS3012 total + 10% MCQ



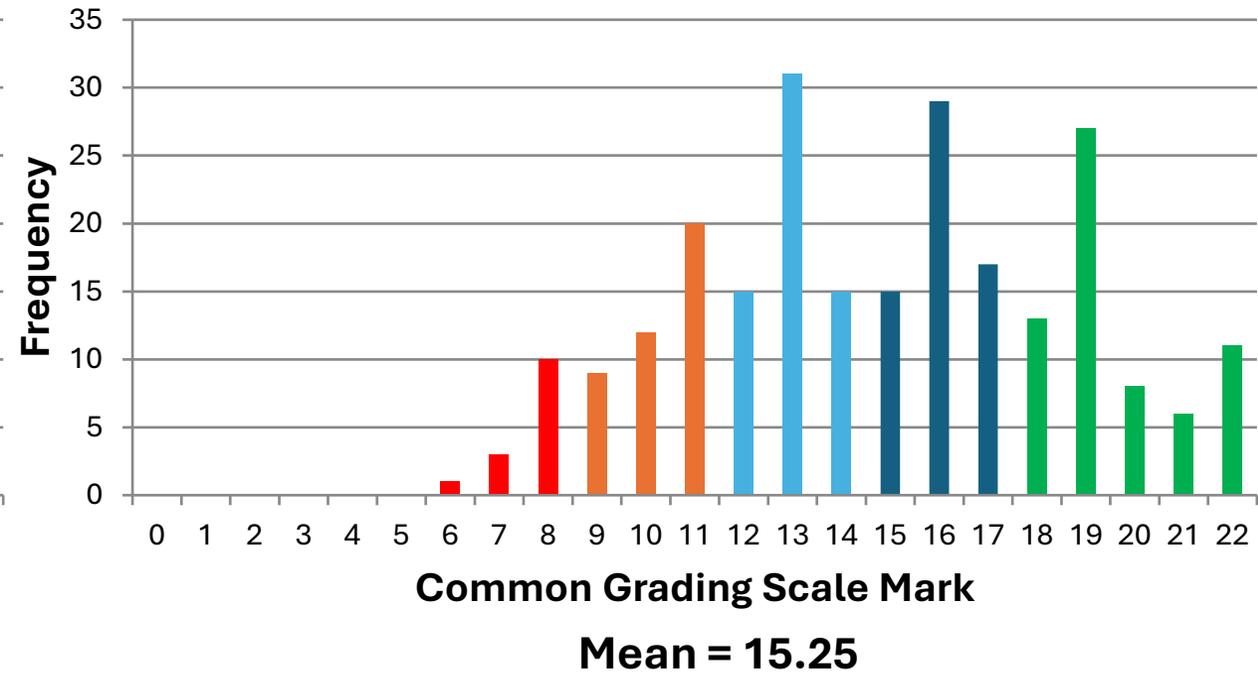
Mean = 15.47

PS3014 MCQ

PS3014 MCQ

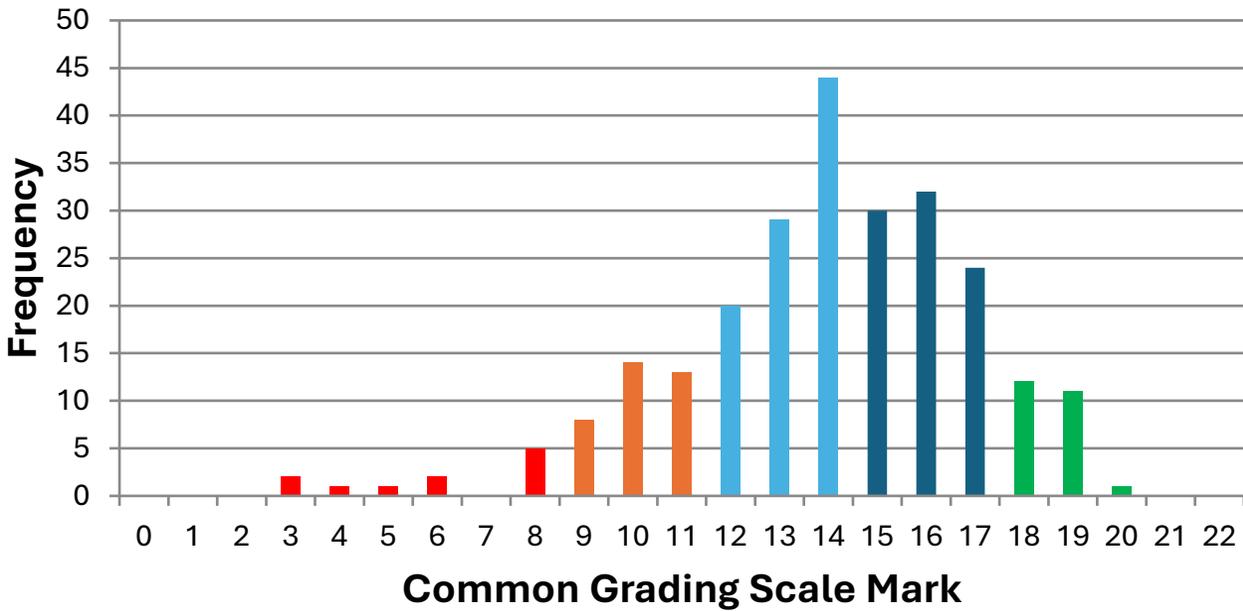


PS3014 MCQ + 10%



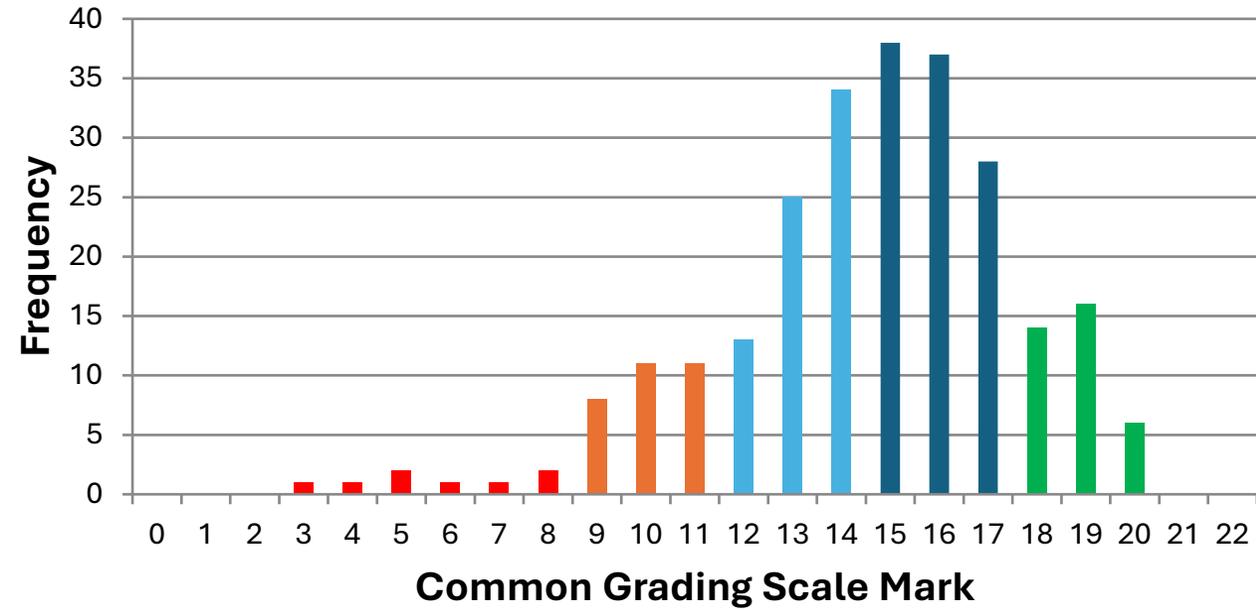
PS3014 Final Grade

PS3014 total



Mean = 14.42

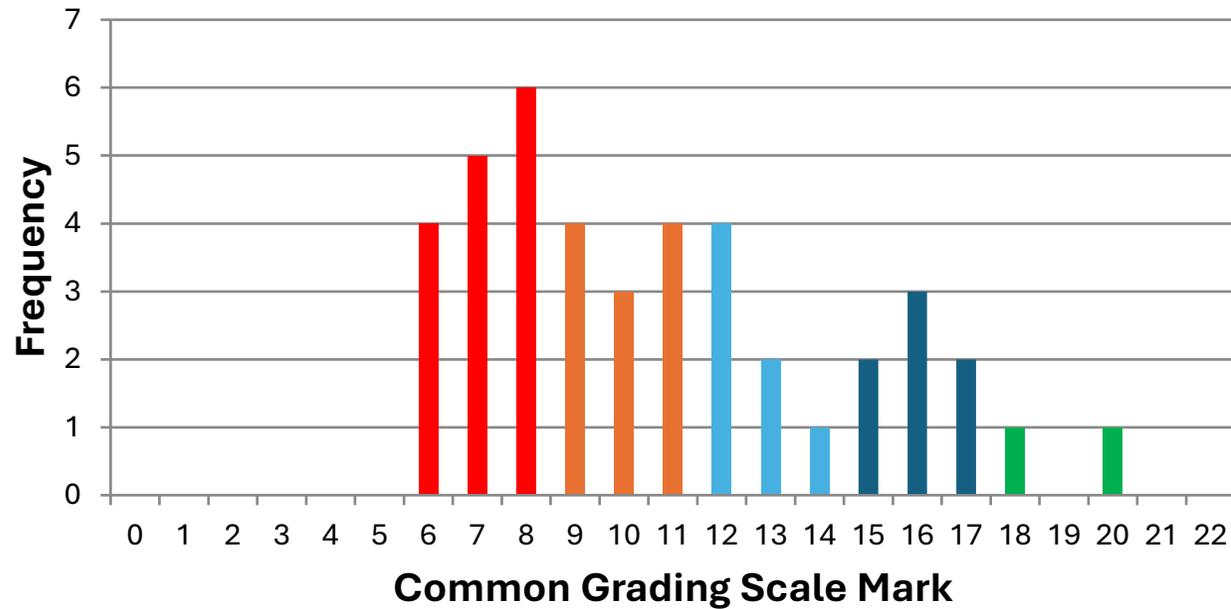
PS3014 total + 10% MCQ



Mean = 15.06

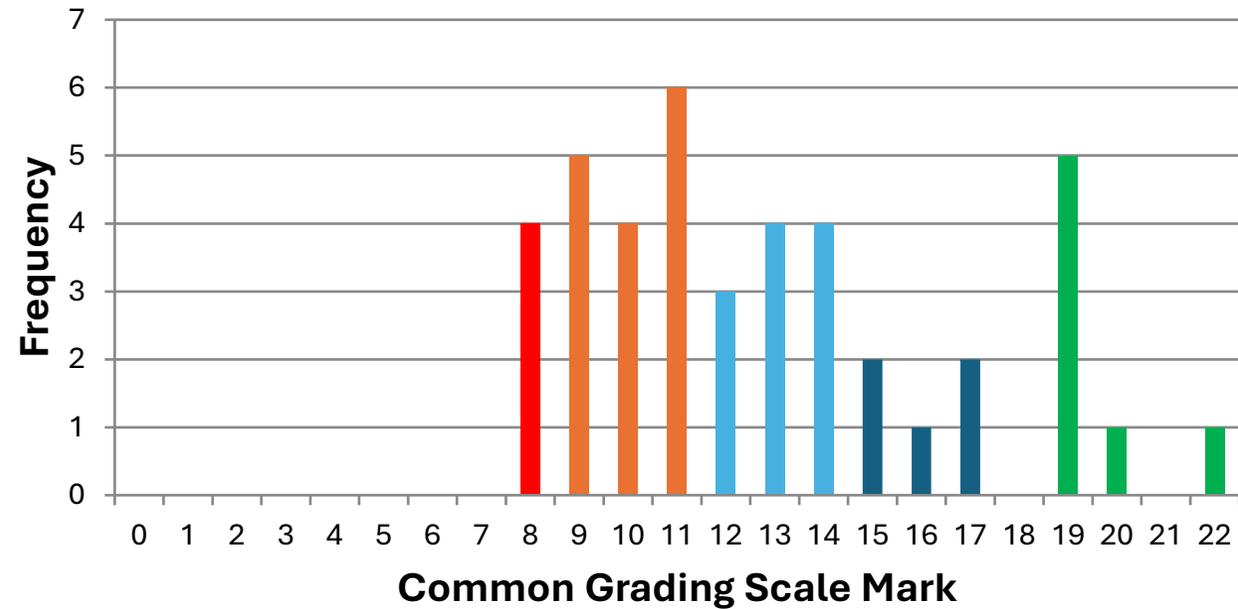
PS5027 MCQ

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Mean = 11.30

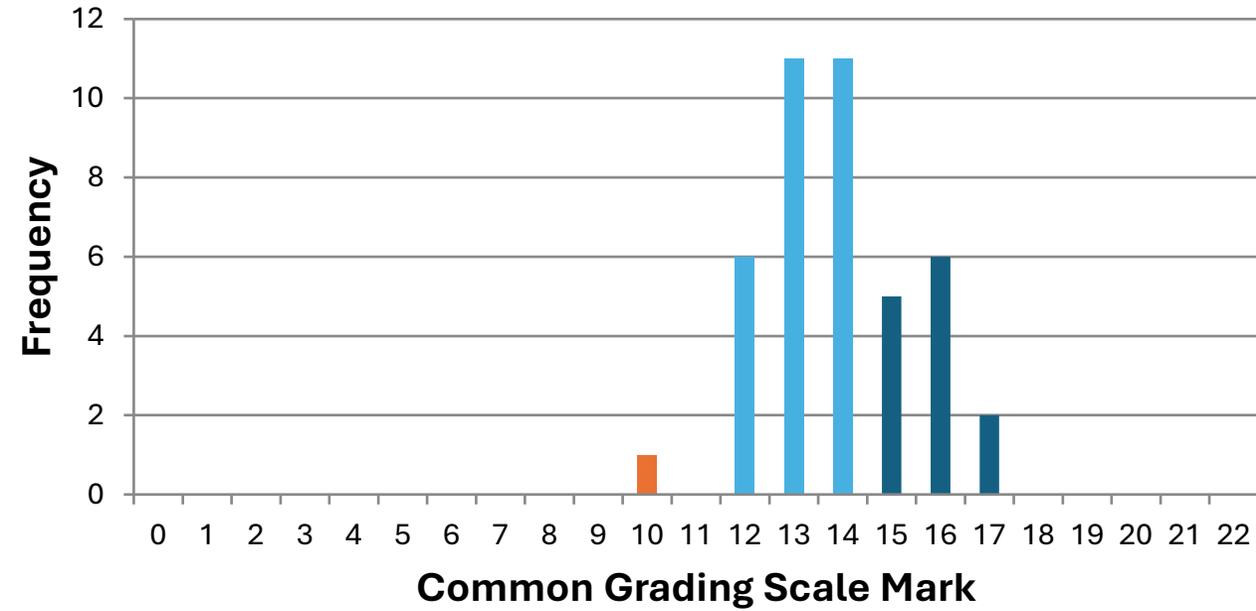
PS5027 MCQ + 10%



Mean = 13.48

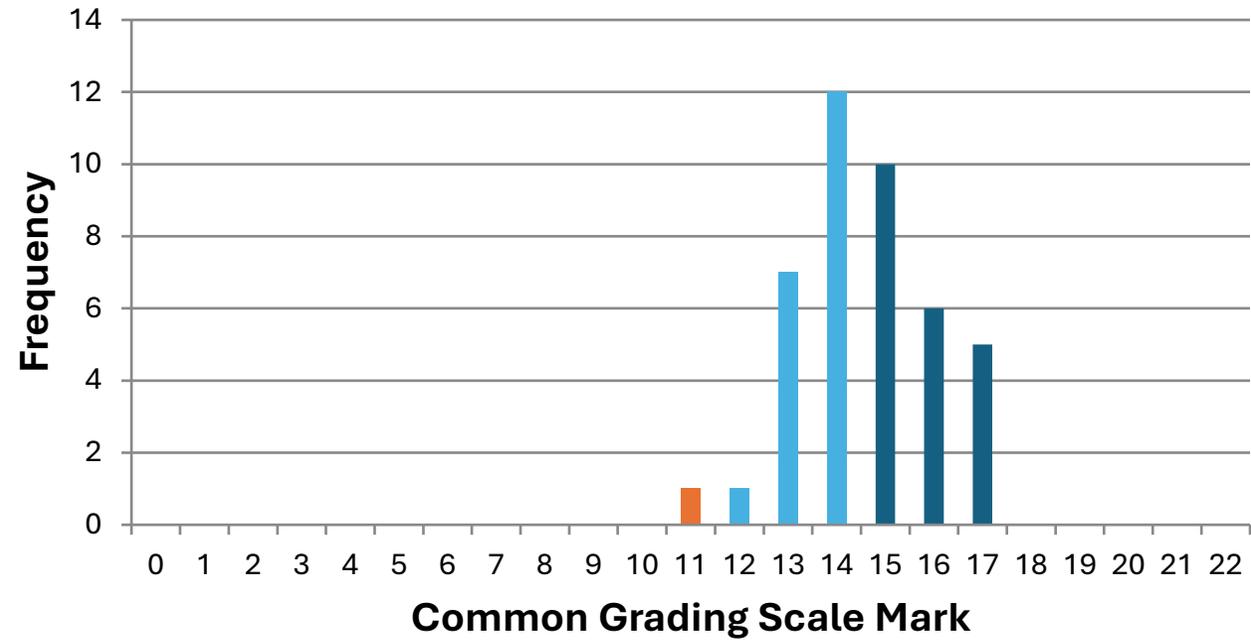
PS5027 Final Grade

PS5027 total



Mean = 14.35

PS5027 total + 10% MCQ



Mean = 15.00