

# Survey of Final Year Projectwork in UK University Bioscience Departments

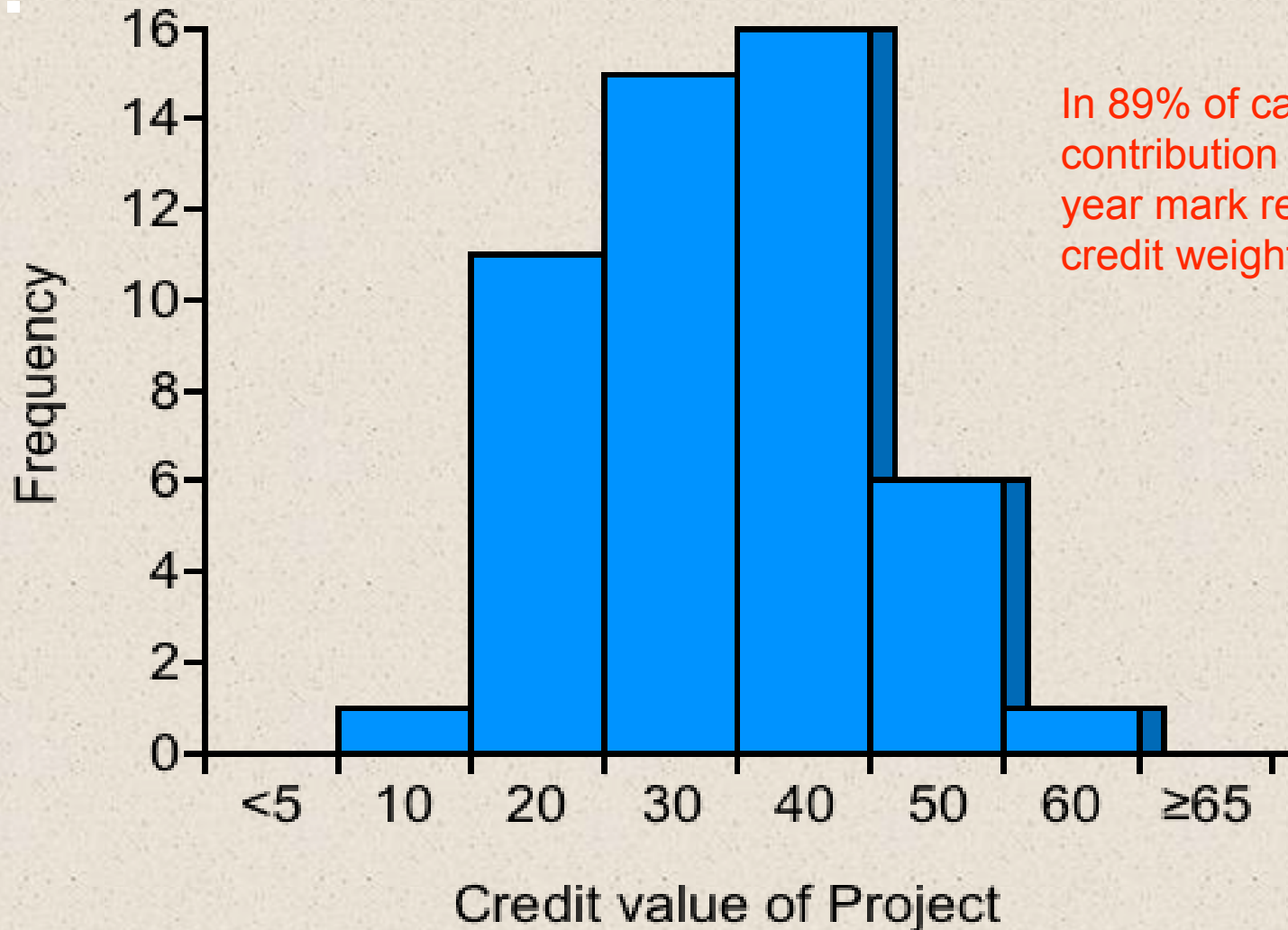
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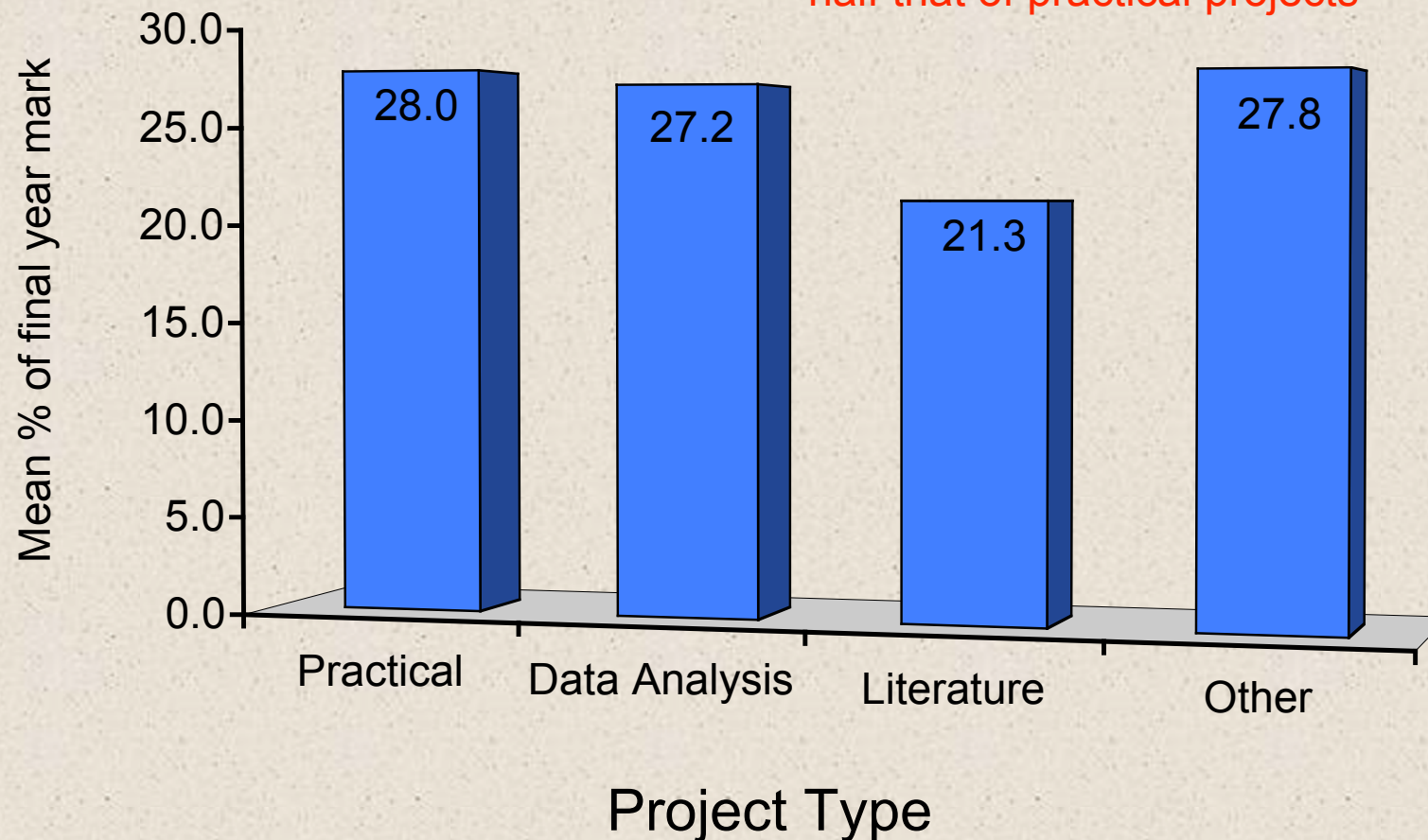
# Credit value of project

(adjusted to total of 120 credits in final year).



## How much do different types of project count towards the final year mark?

38% of departments give a lower weighting to literature projects - usually half that of practical projects



Almost all departments (98%) assess projects principally through a written report.

- It is common practice for the supervisor to comment on a draft of the project (89%)
- In 66% of departments a separate mark is given for practical skills (median = 25%).
- 70% of departments impose a word limit on the written report (median = 8500 words; range 4000 - 28000)
- 29% of departments require a project to be written up in the format of a named scientific journal.



Almost all departments require students to submit a written project report, but 78% also involve some other form of assessment.

