

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Food Written Examiner's Report May 2022

General

Candidates need to take time to read the question carefully and ensure the content of their answers is relevant to the question posed.

Candidates need to ensure their writing is legible, an examiner cannot award marks if they cannot read the handwriting. It is of course understood that candidates feel under time pressure but candidates can help themselves by not repeating the same content in an answer. Marks can only be awarded once and this wastes time that could potentially be better used providing different but relevant information or answering another question.

Section A

Q1

This was the least answered question in Section A and generally not well answered.

Q2

Along with Q4 the most frequently answered question and apart from a couple of exceptions good answers were provided. The question did not require the definition of pre-packed to be explained.

Q3

The terms are defined in the Food Law Code of Practice that candidates answering this question did not refer to. As official controls all are relevant to enforcement officers.

Q4

This question asked for 'how' mandatory information be provided, not 'what' is the mandatory information. There were some good answers to this question where candidates had answered the question posed.

Q5

There were some good answers providing the detail to clearly demonstrate the differences between the three geographical indications but others lacked any information beyond providing the names of the indications.

Q6

This question was exploring the provision for the presumption that food is intended for human consumption but some candidates incorrectly interpreted this as fitness for human consumption..

Section B

Q7

A scenario style question, only answered by one candidate.

Q8

The main requirements were identified although most candidates overlooked the application to retailers and distributors. Some candidates failed to gain marks allocated to exploring the effectiveness of the provisions and instead only described the requirements.

Q9

The most frequently answered question in Part B. On the whole this was well answered and the discussion although not always provided by candidates identified some significant points demonstrating understanding of improvement notices in practice. The requirements for the serving of notices specifically mentioned in the question was largely overlooked.

Q10

The question related to nutritional labelling to make informed choices, not nutrition and health claims.