

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Feed Written Examiner's Report May 2021

General

The number of candidates choosing to sit the examination for the CTSI Professional Competency Framework for feed in May 2021 was five.

The range of passes achieved for this exam was between 40 to 62% with one fail.

The exam was on the whole well answered, and it was evident that there had been a significant amount of revision for the subject area by some candidates and they understood feed law enforcement.

The examination paper was split into two sections, with Section A comprising of 4 questions out of 6 that required answering and allowing up to 40% of the total marks awarded. Overall, this section was answered well with candidates showing a breadth of knowledge on the subject area. Where marks were lost it was due to a lack of detail in the answers provided.

Section B in the written examination required 2 questions to be chosen out of a choice of 4 and accounted for 60% of the total overall marks. Again, this section was answered well with few marks lost and showing a good standard of revision and understanding of the subject area by most candidates sitting the exam. Again, where marks were lost it was due to a lack of detail in the answers provided.

The time allowed for the written examination was 1.5 hours plus 10 minutes reading time. Exam technique and time management did not appear to be an issue, with all papers marked completed. As a reminder to candidates preparing for future written examinations, ALL sections must be attempted, and the front of the exam paper provides guidance for candidates on the suggested time allocation per section.

Candidates need to be concise in their answer and need to ensure they answer the question asked. Spelling and grammar were, overall, fine.

Section A

Q1 This question was attempted by all 5 candidates and gave an average mark of 5.4 out of a possible of 10 marks.

This question related to the Hazards that need to be considered in written documented procedures based on HACCP. Whilst this question was on the whole answered reasonably well, marks were lost due to a lack of detail in some of the answers given.

Q2 This question was attempted by 3 candidates and gave an average mark of 2.3 out of a possible 10 marks.

This question related to the Feed Law Code of Practice and earned recognition. The marks were low for this question with candidates failing to give sufficient information as to what

Q3 This question was attempted by 4 candidates and gave an average mark of 7.5 out of a possible of 10 marks.

This question required candidates to detail the activities that required registration as part of the obligations for retained Regulation (EC) 183/2005. On the whole this question was answered well with one candidate achieving the full 10 marks for the answer given.

Q4 This question was attempted by 2 candidates and gave an average mark of 2 out of a possible of 10 marks.

The question related to retained Regulation (EC) 767/2009 and the principles for the labelling and presentation of feed. On the whole this question was poorly answered and marks were lost due to a lack of detail in some of the answers given.

Q5 This question was attempted by all 5 candidates and gave an average mark of 4 out of a possible of 10 marks.

The question required the candidate to demonstrate that they understood the requirements for the rules applicable to primary production of food laid down in Annex I, Part A, of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004. On the whole this question was answered well with one candidate failing to achieve any marks, which did pull down the average marks for this answer.

Q6 This question was attempted by 1 person and gave an average mark of 3 out of a possible 10 marks

This question required the candidate to explain the examples the differing types of animal by-product that may be used as a feed material. Marks were lost due to a lack of detail given in the answer.

Section B

Q7 This question was not attempted by any of the candidates.

This question required the candidate to explain what was required in a contingency plan with regards accordance with feed law and how a local authority could prevent unsafe feed being placed on the market.

Q8 This question was attempted by 2 candidates and gave an average mark of 10.5 out of a possible of 30 marks.

The question required the candidate to prepare a brief for managers on the regulatory framework for feed and how best intelligence can be used to assist in the delivery of the official controls. Marks were lost due to a lack of detail in the answers given

Q9 This question was attempted by all 5 candidates and gave an average mark of 16.8 out of a possible of 30 marks.

This question required advising a feed business wanting to set up in a home environment making dog treats and required the candidate to give consideration to all applicable legislation. On the whole this was a well answered question.

Q10 This question was attempted by 3 people and gave an average mark of 16 out of a possible of 30 marks.

This question required the candidate to demonstrate that they had knowledge on the use of the notices that a local authority officer has available to deal with any non-compliance identified and any appropriate appeal process. On the whole this was a well answered question and a good understanding on the notices available.