

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Food Written Examiner's Report September 2022

General

Only three candidates sat this examination, so it is difficult to draw conclusions from the answers given.

Candidates are not expected to know section or article numbers in detail but referencing the relevant EU Retained legislation and/or domestic legislation may attract marks, where this is not given in the question. Some questions will provide the specific legalisation references to limit the scope of the question to the specifically referenced piece of legislation.

Section A

Some answers were too brief and lacked sufficient content to score adequate marks.

Some terms were not clearly understood e.g., the difference between a food business and a food business operator, which are two different terms defined in the legislation.

Knowledge of food supplements was variable with one very strong answer but others did not demonstrate clear understanding of the definition or the specific labelling.

Section B

Discussion questions were poorly answered by some candidates, lacking method and structure. It is good exam technique to set the scene before going into the discussive part of the answer. For questions where candidates are asked to discuss, marks may be awarded for explaining key terms, concepts and the current legal requirements. For example –

Discuss how the controls on food additives and labelling for additives in pre-packed food ensure food safety and consumer choice.

An explanation of the term additives and how these must be labelled currently would have attracted marks.

Food labelling requirements ensure consumers with food allergies can make informed decisions about the food they eat. Discuss this statement.

This requires an explanation of the current legislation, from which it is then possible to highlight any relevant gaps or limitations.

Some of the answers included good points in the discussion element of the answer demonstrating understanding particularly in a practical context.