

Qualifications Framework written examination

Unit 4: Food

September 2024

Guidance for this examination

Please ensure that you indicate clearly at the top of the answer booklet, the law viewpoint from which you will be answering: English, Scottish or Welsh.

The examiners may expect candidates to show knowledge of legislation which is in place but not in force (i.e. has been enacted) and regulations which have been made but are not yet in force, if they are directly relevant to the subject-matter of the examination.

Examination structure

There are two sections to the examination paper:

Section A Consists of six questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.
Total allocation of marks is 40 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 30 minutes.

Section B Consists of four questions.
Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Total allocation of marks is 60 marks.
Suggested time allocation is 60 minutes.

Total time allowed – one hour 30 minutes (plus ten minutes' reading time).

Note:

The Food paper is a **closed book**; no materials are permitted to be taken into the examination room.

*The examination paper has **6** pages, including this front sheet.*

Exam: Food

Exam cycle: September 2024

Date: 10 September 2024

Reading time: 10 minutes

Time: 10:00 – 11:30

Max: 100 marks

Section A

Candidates should attempt to answer four questions.

Each question carries ten marks.

Total: 40 marks.

1. Answer both parts of the question

The Food Law Code of Practice in England & Wales identifies three tiers of Food Officers.

a) Provide the details of each of those three tiers of Officers including any appropriate competency requirements.

(7 marks)

b) Food Hygiene qualified officers can also in some circumstances provide limited food standards enforcement.

What are those circumstances?

(3 marks)

(Total: 10 marks)

2. Retained European Regulation EU 1169/2011 and the Food Information Regulations 2014 (in Wales the Food Information Regulations (Wales) 2014) control how allergen information is given to consumers.

Detail those controls for prepacked, prepacked for direct sale and loose foods.

(Total: 10 marks)

3. S.10 of the Food Safety Act 1990 allows for the use of Improvement Notices.

What needs to be included in any such Notice used for applicable breaches of food standards legislation?

(Total: 10 marks)

4. The Food Safety Act 1990 gives Authorised Food Officers enforcement powers.

Identify those powers.

(Total: 10 marks)

5. Answer all parts of the question

Detail how you would formally sample the following foods for analysis by the Public Analyst:

- a) Fish spread sold in 70ml bottles, to be analysed for species.

(4 marks)

- b) A block of cheddar cheese to be analysed for authenticity.

(4 marks)

- c) Fresh chickens, to be analysed to determine if they had been previously frozen.

(2 marks)

(Total: 10 marks)

6. Answer both parts of the question

- a) There are a number of Principles that should be included in a HACCP food safety system.

Outline these Principles.

(7 marks)

- b) The final fill of a flavoured yogurt production line can be regarded as a Critical Control Point.

Explain why this is.

(3 marks)

(Total: 10 marks)

Section A total of 40 marks.

End of Section A.

Section B
Candidates should attempt to answer two questions.
Each question carries 30 marks.
Total: 60 marks.

7. Answer both parts of the question

- a) You have been asked by your Service Manager to write an advice leaflet on Allergen Management to be distributed to local caterers and takeaways.

Draft such a leaflet.

(15 marks)

- b) Explain the Due Diligence requirements for:

- i) Food manufactures and producers.
- ii) Own branders.
- iii) Retailers of prepacked foods.

(15 marks)

(Total: 30 marks)

8. Answer all parts of the question

You are reviewing the labelling and presentation of a children`s breakfast cereal being produced by a large food manufacturer, based in your area.

The manufacturer has been producing tinned foods both in its own name and under supermarket brands for some time but has only recently started producing these breakfast cereals.

- a) Draft a letter that you would send to the Technical Manager of Smithsons Food Ltd. regarding any issues with the labelling of this product.

(20 marks)

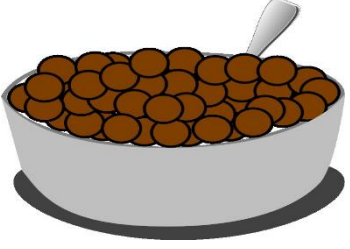
- b) You decide to visit the premises. Outline which areas of production you would want to inspect.

(8 marks)

- c) You discover that the product has been on sale for the last 6 months. What criminal offences may have been committed by Smithsons Foods Ltd?

(2 marks)

The label is shown on the following page:

Front of pack	Back of pack
<p>SMITHSON'S Children's Extra Crunchy Chocolate Shapes High in Vit B 12!</p>  <p>For Healthier Children</p> <p>With added vitamins & minerals</p> <p>"No artificial preservatives"</p> <p>Produced by Smithson's Foods Ltd.</p> <p>Please let us know what you think at www.smithsonsltd.com.co.uk</p> <p>e 500g</p>	<p>Processed wheat pieces with added chocolate flakes and vitamins & minerals</p> <p>Nutrition per 30g</p> <p>Energy 418KJ/100kcal Fibre 2g Protein 2g Sugars 20g Fat 10g</p> <p>Ingreds: Puffed wheat grain, milk chocolate flakes. sugar, vitamin B1, vitamin B6, Vitamin D, iron. Colours: ponceau 4R.</p> <p>Best Before: 31/12/2025</p>

(Total: 30 marks)

9. Answer all parts of the question

You have been tasked with formally sampling a range of pre-packed USA style confectionary and soft drinks from online sellers.

You decide to sample some fizzy soft drinks from an online seller based in your local authority's area, after viewing them on their webpage.

- a) Detail how you would obtain a formal sample of this food, so that the evidence of its composition could be used in proceedings if necessary.

(20 marks)

- b) The analysis of the sample indicates that the food contains unauthorised preservatives and colours. The Public Analyst states that the food therefore isn't safe and is not of the quality demanded.

Outline what breaches and offences may have been committed.

(5 marks)

- c) You decide to formally interview the seller of these products under the controls of the Police & Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) (In Scotland an interview under caution).

Outline the areas you want to discuss with the seller in any such interview.

(5 marks)

(Total: 30 marks)

10. Answer both parts of the question

- a) There are controls on the placement of Novel Foods on the marketplace
- i) Detail the requirements that a Food Business Operator placing a Novel food on the marketplace must meet. (5 marks)
 - ii) There are a number of criminal and civil sanctions available to enforcers for breaches of the Novel Food Controls. Explain these sanctions and how they can be used. (15 marks)
- b) The logos below show UK schemes which encourage diversity in agricultural products and protect product names from misuse.

Outline the main requirements of these schemes using examples wherever possible.

(10 marks)



(Total: 30 marks)

Section B total of 60 marks.

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER.