

CTSI Professional Competency Framework (CPCF) written examination

Unit 4: Food Standards

May 2021

Guidance for this examination

Please ensure that you indicate, on the front of your 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 thirty minutes (plus ten minutes' reading time).

Note:

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

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

Exam: Unit 4: Food Standards

Exam cycle: May 2021

Date: 11 May 2021

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. Explain the codes and labelling required for eggs sold loose at a retail shop. (10 marks)
2. Describe the seven types of food crime that are the focus for the NFCU. (10 marks)
3. Describe the specific provisions, including exemptions, relating to alcoholic beverages under Retained Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on food information to consumers. (10 marks)
4. Using examples, explain the terms 'placing on the market' and 'retail'. (10 marks)
5. What are the labelling requirements for pre-packed food containing sweeteners, including the additional requirements under Annexes III and VII of Retained Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on food information to consumers? (10 marks)
6. **Answer both parts:**
 - (a) Using examples, explain what is a food incident and a food hazard, as defined in the Food Law Code of Practice. (5 marks)
 - (b) Describe the three categories of food hazard and when the FSA needs to be notified. (5 marks)(total of 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:

(a) Explain how the current Food Standards Agency risk assessment scheme, to determine inspection frequency of premises, operates. Discuss what improvements could be made to the scheme to improve business compliance.
(25 marks)

(b) How can authorities ensure that risk scores are consistently applied by officers?
(5 marks)
(total of 30 marks)

8. Discuss the effectiveness of the provisions of food law to protect consumers from misdescriptions.
(30 marks)

9. Answer both parts:

(a) Formal sampling involves the division of food into three parts. Discuss, using examples, when deviation from this is permitted, and the alternative methods to take a formal sample.
(15 marks)

(b) Explain how you would practically take a formal sample, for the analysis of fat content, of low-fat hard cheese at a retail shop. Discuss the reasons for your actions, including the information to record and how to deal with final samples. There are seven packs in the form of rectangular blocks, each labelled as 250g.
(15 marks)
(total of 30 marks)

10. Answer both parts:

(a) You are undertaking a full inspection of 'Pippins', a fruit farm in your area, for compliance with food hygiene legislation at the level of primary production. Describe the areas you would include in your inspection and the records you would examine.
(20 marks)

(b) Discuss the use of earned recognition for assurance schemes and whether this improves the system of official controls.
(10 marks)
(total of 30 marks)

Section B total of 60 marks.

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER.