

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Unit 4 Food Examiner's Report September 2021

General

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

Section A

- Q1** This was generally very well answered with some excellent answers.
- Q2** The understanding of competent authority was generally limited to the context of local authorities rather than national government departments and the Food Standards Agency which most answers omitted to mention.
- Q3** A popular question choice with some good knowledge demonstrated.
- Q4** The answers given generally lacked detail with some confusion between the three terms and failure to include all the main elements to clearly explain them.
- Q5** The least popular of the Section A questions and generally produced vague answers.
- Q6** Some good answers using examples to explain the two terms. Unfortunately, some answers focussed on providing examples of health claims and nutrition claims without describing the terms themselves. Describing the labelling requirements and restrictions on the use of these claims was not required by the question.

Section B

- Q7** No candidate selected this question.
- Q8** Most candidates answering demonstrated a basic knowledge of fish labelling requirements with others providing good explanations and more detailed knowledge. The question specifically mentioned loose sales so time would have been wasted in explaining requirements for packaged product.

Part B of the question asked for the requirements relating to the post inspection report. Information about risk assessment was not required.

- Q9** Not selected by many candidates and generally not well answered. In addition to describing the requirements as an evaluation question mark are set aside for discussion on the provisions. The question related to food safety so details about requirements for food descriptions was not relevant.

Q10 Answered by all candidates and as a scenario it was pleasing to see how most candidates approached this methodically and considered the practical issues. Whilst in such an answer candidates explain why and what they may sample, the detailed method of sampling is not required. Information on potential offences is also not required.