

Examiner's report

CTSI Professional Competency Framework

Stage 2: Unit 4 Food Standards Written Examiner's Report November 2019

Section A

Q1 Most candidates answering this question covered the main principles of traceability.

Q2 Chosen by all candidates and probably the best answered but it is important to answer the question. This focussed on the measures to prevent sample contamination and secure evidence. A full description of how to take a sample was not therefore required and time would have been lost doing so.

Q3 This question was not answered by any candidate

Q4 Requiring knowledge of a product specific regulation, candidates need to ensure they have sufficient familiarity to answer and it may be better to select a different question.

Q5 Candidates who answered this were able to identify the main points a business should check before using an additive but the explanations of what is an additive lacked any detail. The definition in the legislation would have provided full marks.

Q6 Although chosen by all candidates, it was poorly answered. Most candidates did not address the question in relation to a 'claim' and failed to provide a good definition of a 'health claim'. Time was lost explaining nutrition claims. No one was able to identify the specific information to be given with a health claim (Article 10 Reg EC 1924/2006)

Section B

All candidates answered Q8

This was fundamentally a food labelling question, exploring the skills of candidates to provide clear information to a business.

Where product details are given it is important that answers reflect this. Drawing on the product demonstrates your ability to apply the law and is exactly what a business requesting advice would need.

Details of offence provisions are not appropriate for this type of question.

While all candidates remembered to start their answer as they would in an email, closing the answer as you would an email to a business is all part of the task set for the candidates.