

# **Advanced Higher Level Home Economics Health and Food Technology**

## **Question paper specification for examinations in and after 2006**

The Advanced Higher Home Economics question paper — Health and Food Technology — will consist of one written question paper with a time allocation of 2 hours and 20 minutes. The question paper has a mark allocation of 75 which will be rounded up to 100 marks by SQA.

Questions will focus on the Course content of Resource Management and will assess the candidate's ability to:

- ◆ select and apply knowledge to a range of complex problems or situations
- ◆ make critical appraisals and reasoned decisions, which involve using skills of analysis and evaluation

To meet the 75 mark question paper allocation, the balance of skills assessed within the question paper should be as follows:

- ◆ select and apply knowledge to a range of complex problems or situations (50 marks)
- ◆ make critical appraisals and reasoned decisions, which involve using skills of analysis and evaluation (25 marks)

The question paper will consist of two sections: Section A and Section B, based on the Course content and elaboration.

### **Section A**

Section A will have one compulsory question with a total mark allocation of 25 marks.

Question 1 will be sub-divided into a series of structured questions based on a report. There will be a minimum mark allocation of 5 marks per structured question in this section.

The Report will be based on an area of study from the Course content of Health and Food Technology. The topic of the report should be:

- ◆ relevant to the Course content
- ◆ of current, topical interest
- ◆ of an appropriate language level for Advanced Higher

The report will be between one to two A4 pages in length and presented as a separate booklet.

This section of the question paper will be assessing the candidate's ability to:

- ◆ select and apply knowledge to a range of complex problems or situations (15 marks)
- ◆ make critical appraisals and reasoned decisions, which involve using skills of analysis and evaluation (10 marks)

Candidates will be advised to spend 1 hour on this section. This will include 20 minutes reading time.

## **Section B**

Section B will have a mark allocation of 50 marks and will consist of five questions, all of which will require extended responses.

Extended response items are described as being:

‘An item which requires a lengthy type of response, usually written’  
(*Glossary of Assessment Terminology*, Scottish Qualifications Authority, January 1993)

Question 1 of Section B is a compulsory question worth 25 marks. Candidates will attempt one question from the remaining four.

### ***Question 1***

This will be based on one area from the Course content.

Question 1 will have a mark allocation of 25 marks. The 25 marks will be divided into 10 marks and 15 marks for a two-part question.

It will assess the candidate's ability to:

- ◆ select and apply knowledge to a range of complex problems or situations (10 marks)
- ◆ make critical appraisals and reasoned decisions, which involve using skills of analysis and evaluation (15 marks)

### ***Questions 2–5***

Candidates will attempt one question from Questions 2–5. These questions should sample across the Course content.

These questions will assess the candidate's ability to:

- ◆ select and apply knowledge to a range of complex problems or situations

Questions 2–5 will each have a 25 mark allocation and should be similar in terms of the level of demand.

Candidates will be advised to spend 40 minutes on each question in Section B