

Q & A Higher HFT Assignment Webinar 26.10.16

Q: If a candidate has made it clear that they have asked 20 people to answer a questionnaire, can they then say 75% answered X or must they say 15 people answered?\

A: They need to show individual results as often candidates give questions with options that not all candidates have to answer so individual results are needed, for example, 'select your three favourite vegetables' and they have 10 options to choose from.

Q: Could all your justifications link to the same aspect of the brief?, example from last year all your links for ingredients - ingredients/herbs/ type of course from questionnaire or would they want links to a variety of your investigations - same as for feature talk about 4 features then all justifications end up that because "therefore this would appeal to people who eat in restaurants? or would it need to be a mix?

A: The justifications have to come from the investigations the candidates have done. It is likely that more than one aspect of the brief will be covered especially in the features. Markers are not looking for different aspects of the brief in this section. If all justifications are the same e.g. appeal to people who in eat in restaurants this would have to be evident from the investigations and candidates just couldn't write that for all and get the marks, e.g. that they found out that potatoes were the most popular vegetable as they had surveyed restaurant customers.

Q: When interviewing a 'specialist' can teachers be used?

A: Teachers can be used but the reason they are being used as a specialist must be stated, for example, many teachers have worked in the food industry prior to being a teacher therefore they would be valid to answer questions about a food manufacturer.

Q: Could you give an example of what you mean by analysing individual ingredients not product as a whole please. If you were purchasing a sandwich then the nutritional info refers to the whole product as eaten not the bread/ham/cheese etc.?

A: In a nutritional analysis we are looking for candidates to show where the nutrients are in each ingredient in the product they have made. This allows them to give key points of information about where specific nutrients are in their product. If they have only the totals for the dish as a whole they can't do this.

Q: Are you saying the candidate should analyse each ingredients contribution and then give an overall nutritional analysis for the product

A: Candidates need the analysis of each ingredient. Most candidates then total each column if they have done a table. Candidates can then use the information about individual ingredients in their evaluation if they needed to improve a nutritional content. If they only have totals they cannot do this.

Q: Can I check that I picked this up right - candidate does the healthy farm cafe brief and uses farm made butter. They individually analyse the nutrients of all ingredients and discover butter isn't 'healthy'. An alternative would be to use margarine. But they won't get the mark for that unless the margarine was in the initial research and is made by the farm?

- A: In the adaptations /improvements (4.2) if the candidate has not mentioned or found anything out about margarine in their research/ testing they wouldn't get mark but hopefully they will have found out other information in their investigation or asked a question to an expert in a test about how they could make healthier and they would then be able to make that adaptation
- Q: what is the best way to do nutritional analysis, at N5 assignment it is never done well, so I am very wary of it to be honest.
- A: Nutritional analysis is not always done well as many candidates give the overall summary. The best are when candidates have a table with their ingredients in each row and then the nutrients they have selected that are relevant to their brief in the columns and candidates collate this they can then identify key pieces of information.
- Q: Is it okay to use a website for nutritional analysis?
- A: Web sites are great to use for the nutritional analysis. Both BNF and Jenny Ridgewell have been used successfully. However I know Jenny Ridgewell only gives totals but it is really easy for candidates to find the information needed for individual ingredients and the nutrients they are interested in
- Q: in identifying relevant information from the results of sensory testing should this information come exclusively from the testing of the sensory attributes and not from additional questions asked? Example - 5/5 people said they would buy my soup in a restaurant therefore it is suitable for sale. The questions are only based on 5 respondents so are not valid as a questionnaire? I think this is only an issue if the candidates only refer to the additional questions asked and not to the sensory attributes tested at all - but some of them will do that!
- A: In the sensory testing when the candidate gives the key information it must link to sensory attributes so if a candidate uses anything that is not sensory they would not be awarded the mark. However the additional information in the example could be used in the evaluation section.
- Q: Can pupils compare an existing food product that is similar to their own and compare & contrast in relation to the brief?
- A: Candidates could do this however to enable them to do this they would have to do a nutritional analysis to be able to compare.
- Q: Could you type the evaluation exemplar please? Missed what you said!
- A: My spicy vegetable soup was suitable to be sold in a restaurant (judgement/ opinion) . In test 1 I found that my soup looked attractive as 4 out of 5 testers rated it 1: like a lot for appearance (fact based on test 1). This means that it will look good in a restaurant so customers will see other people eating it and order from the menu (consequence linked to brief)
- Q: Could you please provide us with an example of a justification for an improvement or adaptation of the food product?
- A: Use turkey mince instead of beef mince : turkey was the second most popular meat with 9/20 restaurant customers choosing it (in Investigation 1), so a variation would be to use turkey mince