

HOME ECONOMICS **HEC 2**
UNIT 2 Food Product Assessment and Analysis Task

Monday 23 May 2005 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm (Session 1)
Tuesday 24 May 2005 9.00 am to 12.00 noon (Session 2)

In addition to this paper you will require:

- a 12-page answer book;
- your research material;
- scissors, glue.

You may use a calculator.

Time allowed: 6 hours in two 3-hour sessions

Instructions to candidates

- Attempt **one** task only.
- You may use the research material you have collected.
- You may **not** add to your research material after Session 1 has started.
- You may use all or part of Session 1 to order your research before you begin writing your response to the Task.
- You will not have access to your research material or answer book between Session 1 and Session 2.
- Your response, including any relevant research material, should be between 1500 and 2000 words and done in the 12-page answer book provided. However, it is also possible to use more or fewer words.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is HEC2.
- Use a blue or black ink (or ball-point) pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.
- If you need extra paper, use additional answer sheets.
- At the end of Session 2 hand in both your answer book and all your research material to the invigilator.

Attempt **one** task only, based on the topic you have researched.

Topic 1

There have been major technological advances in the design of gas and electric cookers over the past twenty years.

Investigate the relative merits of a range of gas and electric cookers for different consumer groups. Your research should take into consideration issues such as safety, convenience and energy conservation.

Task

Using the information gained from your research, prepare an informative report on the technological advances that have been made in the design of gas and electric cookers. Your report should focus on issues such as safety, convenience and energy conservation for different consumers.

Topic 2

Many households in the UK live on a low income.

Investigate the problems faced by people trying to make the food choices required to provide a nutritionally adequate diet. Your research should include reference to the current guidelines for a healthy diet as well as manageable solutions to any problems connected with food choice.

Task

Using the information gained from your research, write an informative report which demonstrates ways in which people living on a low income could make wise food choices to ensure a nutritionally adequate and healthy diet.

Topic 3

Investigate the range of convenience sauces available to consumers. Research how they meet the differing priorities and needs of families and individuals. Your investigation should include an evaluation of a range of sauces in terms of their quality, palatability and value for money.

Task

Using the information gained from your research, write an informative report on the uses of convenience sauces for different consumer groups. This should include an evaluation of quality, palatability and value for money.

Topic 4

Recent reports suggest that there is a link between food promotion to children and rising levels of obesity.

Research the ways in which food is promoted to children and investigate the influence on their diet/food choice and the short- and long-term effects on their state of health.

Task

Using the information gained from your research, write an informative report which demonstrates the link between food promotion to children, the food choices they make and the possible effects on their health.

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