



Rewarding Learning

**ADVANCED**  
General Certificate of Education  
2012

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**Home Economics**  
Assessment Unit A2 1

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Consumer Issues

**[AN211]**

**THURSDAY 24 MAY, MORNING**

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**TIME**

2 hours, plus your additional time allowance.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.

Answer **three** questions.

Answer **one** question from Section A, **one** question from Section B and the **one** question in Section C.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark for this paper is 70.

Figures in brackets printed at the end of each question indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in **all** questions.

## Section A

Answer **one** question from this section.

### Either

- 1 (a) Explain how consumers can avoid food poisoning from *Campylobacter* bacteria. [10]
  
- (b) Describe the work carried out by the Environmental Health Department to reduce the possibility of food poisoning for consumers. [15]

### Or

- 2 (a) Consider the effects of celebrity and cartoon endorsement of food on the diet and health of children. [10]
  
- (b) Describe the requirements of the Food Labelling Regulations 1996 in relation to each of the following:
  - date marking
  - nutritional labelling
  - ingredients list. [15]

## Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

### Either

- 3 Discuss the work of the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland. [20]

### Or

- 4 Evaluate **four** savings options in relation to personal circumstances, interest rates and flexibility. [20]

## Section C

Answer the **one** question in this section.

- 5 The following advice is given on the Sustain website to encourage consumers to choose greener and more ethical food:

- buy local, seasonally available ingredients
- buy food from farming systems that minimise harm to the environment such as certified organic produce and
- choose Fairtrade-certified products.

(Source: [www.sustainweb.org/sustainable](http://www.sustainweb.org/sustainable) food)

Argue the merits of each piece of advice. [25]

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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