



Rewarding Learning

ADVANCED  
General Certificate of Education  
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**Home Economics**  
Assessment Unit A2 1  
*assessing*  
Consumer Issues  
[AN211]



THURSDAY 24 MAY, MORNING

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**TIME**

2 hours.

**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 down the right-hand side of pages 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 food](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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