

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



HOME ECONOMICS
Unit 2 Food Product Assessment and Analysis

HEC2/PM

Prior Research Information

Research time 15 March to 23 May 2005

Instructions to candidates

- You may begin your research from 15 March 2005.
- Research **one** topic only.
- You must write your name on all parts of your research.
- You will have **two 3-hour examination sessions** to write your response to a task based on your research.
- 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.
- The examination sessions are timetabled for Monday 23 May 2005 pm (Session 1) and Tuesday 24 May 2005am (Session 2).
- 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.
- At the end of Session 2 hand in both your answer book and all your research material to the invigilator.

Research **one** of the following topics.

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.

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.

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.

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.