



Food & Nutrition 2025 v1.2

IA1: Sample assessment instrument

This sample has been compiled by the QCAA to assist and support teachers in planning and developing assessment instruments for individual school settings.

Student name	sample only
Student number	sample only
Teacher	sample only
Exam date	sample only

Marking summary

Criterion	Marks allocated	Provisional marks
Recognising and Explaining	7	
Analysing and Determining	8	
Synthesising and Evaluating	10	
Overall	25	

Conditions

Technique	Examination — combination response
Unit	Unit 3: Food science of carbohydrate and fat
Topic/s	Topic 2: Fat
Time	2 hours + 5 minutes perusal
Seen / Unseen	Unseen

Instructions

Students are to answer all questions on the exam paper in the space provided for each item. The examination is divided into two parts:

- Part A — Short response (estimated duration 40 minutes). Short response questions require you to write in dot points, with some full sentences, constructing a response that may have one or more paragraphs so that ideas are maintained, developed and justified.
- Part B — Extended response (estimated duration 80 minutes). Extended response questions require you to write in full sentences, constructing a response that will have several paragraphs so that ideas are maintained, developed and justified.

Stimulus

See separate A3 stimulus at the end of the document.

Part A

Question 1

Explain the following terms related to the classification of fats and give one food source example of each.

a. Monounsaturated fats

Example:

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b. Polyunsaturated fats

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Question 2

Explain the effects on health of consuming foods that are high in saturated fat and trans-fat

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Question 3

A damaged carton of potato crisps has been found by a retailer. On opening the carton, the packets of crisps are deflated, and an unpleasant odour can be detected. The crisps are soft and crumbly.

Using your knowledge of processing and the properties of fat, explain what chemical process caused the crisps to deteriorate.

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Question 4

Use the information to analyse the properties and processing of fat and then respond to the questions.

Type of fat	Polyunsaturated fat (%)	Monounsaturated fat (%)	Saturated fat (%)	Smoke point (°C)
Butter	4	28	68	150
Olive oil	11	75	14	190
Sunflower oil	69	20	11	225
Coconut oil	2	6	92	175
Canola oil	29	64	7	220

Analyse the fatty acid composition and smoke points of these fats to determine which type of fat is most suitable for the following cooking methods:

a. Deep frying

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b. Sauteing

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Question 5

Read the case study.

Australian company Classic Baking manufactures baked goods for the retail sector. The company recently received consumer feedback about the Classic Biscuit prototypes it plans to introduce into its current range.

Use the information to analyse the food components and procedures related to the properties and processing of fat and then respond to the questions.

Prototype formulations		
Classic Biscuit formulation 1	Classic Biscuit formulation 2	Classic Biscuit formulation 3
Food components 200 g butter 250 g caster sugar 2.5 mL vanilla 1 egg 500 g plain flour 5 g baking powder Procedure 1. Sift flour and baking powder. 2. Rub butter into the flour and baking soda. 3. Mix in sugar. 4. Add egg and vanilla, then mix until combined. 5. Roll mixture into balls. 6. Bake at 180 °C until browned.	Food components 125 g butter 125 g caster sugar 2.5 mL vanilla 1 egg 500 g plain flour 5 g baking powder Procedure 1. Sift flour and baking powder. 2. Rub butter into the flour and baking soda. 3. Mix in sugar. 4. Add egg and vanilla, then mix until combined. 5. Roll mixture into balls. 6. Bake at 180 °C until lightly browned.	Food components 60 g butter 125 g brown sugar 5 mL vanilla 2 eggs 500 g plain flour 5 g baking powder Procedure 1. Beat butter and sugar into a cream. 2. Add egg and vanilla, then mix until combined. 3. Sift flour and baking powder over butter mixture. 4. Stir until combined. 5. Roll mixture into balls. 6. Bake at 160 °C until lightly coloured.
Consumer feedback		
Classic Biscuit formulation 1	Classic Biscuit formulation 2	Classic Biscuit formulation 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appearance — wide, golden but speckled with white dots• Taste — sweet• Flavour — very buttery and undercooked on inside• Texture — too greasy but also grainy• Aroma — buttery and sweet but acceptable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appearance — golden and well-shaped, speckled• Taste — sweet• Flavour — buttery• Texture — short and grainy but with crisp texture• Aroma — sweet and biscuity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appearance — small, risen with golden colour• Taste — sweet• Flavour — vanilla• Texture — tough and chewy• Aroma — vanilla

- a. Explain the primary function of fat in the processing of biscuits.

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- b. Use a sensory profiling method to graphically represent sensory attributes of each biscuit, which can be used to evaluate the quality of each prototype.

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- c. Analyse the processes and food components used in each formulation, and the sensory profiling data, to draw conclusions about the most effective processing technique and combination of food components for a Classic Biscuit formulation. Justify your conclusions.

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Part B

Question 6

The company Dressings and Spreads has decided to introduce one new product to its existing product range. It has developed three prototypes, and the related data is in the stimulus material. (See separate stimulus.)

Use the stimulus material and the Food & Nutrition problem-solving process to document a solution.

In your response:

- analyse the stimulus material to recognise and explain the needs of the relevant stakeholders and consumer trends, to identify the constraints of the problem
- determine success criteria for the problem
- evaluate the feasibility of the solutions and use the success criteria to determine the best possible solution
- make justified recommendations for refinements to food components or procedures for future enhancement.

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Instrument-specific marking guide (IA1): Examination — combination response (25%)

Recognising and Explaining	Marks
The student response has the following characteristics:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> accurate and discriminating recognition and discerning description of facts and principles related to the processing, and nutritional, chemical, functional and sensory properties, of carbohydrate- or fat-based food discerning explanation of food science ideas and problems related to carbohydrate- or fat-based food 	6–7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> accurate recognition and effective description of facts and principles related to the processing, and nutritional, chemical, functional and sensory properties, of carbohydrate- or fat-based food effective explanation of food science ideas and problems related to carbohydrate- or fat-based food 	4–5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> appropriate recognition and description of some facts and principles related to the processing, or nutritional, chemical, functional or sensory properties, of carbohydrate- or fat-based food appropriate explanation of food science ideas and problems related to carbohydrate- or fat-based food 	2–3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inconsistent recognition and superficial description of the processing, or nutritional, chemical, functional or sensory properties, of carbohydrate- or fat-based food superficial explanation of food science ideas and a problem related to a carbohydrate- or fat-based food. 	1
The student response does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

Analysing and Determining	Marks
The student response has the following characteristics:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> insightful analysis of relevant problems, information and data related to the properties and processing of carbohydrate- or fat-based food to identify constraints astute determination of success criteria that include the relevant impacts and implications of, and the quality and functionality indicators for, the carbohydrate- or fat-based food problem 	7–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> appropriate analysis of problems, information and data related to the properties and processing of carbohydrate- or fat-based food to identify some of the constraints reasonable determination of some success criteria that include the impacts and implications of, and the quality or functionality indicators for, the carbohydrate- or fat-based food problem 	5–6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> superficial analysis of problems and information or data related to the properties and processing of carbohydrate- or fat-based food vague determination of some success criteria for the carbohydrate- or fat-based food problem 	3–4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> makes statements about a problem or information related to a carbohydrate- or fat-based food problem identification of a criterion for carbohydrate- or fat-based food problems. 	1–2
The student response does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

Synthesising and Evaluating	Marks
The student response has the following characteristics:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> coherent and logical synthesis of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> chemical and functional information nutritional information, and primary and secondary data for chosen solutions critical evaluation of ideas and carbohydrate- or fat-based food solutions against success criteria discerning refinement of ideas and carbohydrate- or fat-based food solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> against success criteria to make astute recommendations for enhancements, justified by data 	9–10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> logical synthesis of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> chemical and functional information nutritional information, and primary and secondary data for chosen solutions reasoned evaluation of ideas and carbohydrate- or fat-based food solutions against success criteria effective refinement of ideas and carbohydrate- or fat-based food solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> against success criteria to make effective recommendations for enhancements, justified by data 	7–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple synthesis of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> chemical and functional information or nutritional information, and primary or secondary data for chosen solutions feasible evaluation of ideas and carbohydrate- or fat-based food solutions against some success criteria adequate refinement of ideas and carbohydrate- or fat-based food solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> against some success criteria to make fundamental recommendations for enhancements, justified by data 	5–6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rudimentary synthesis of information or data for a chosen solution superficial evaluation of ideas and a carbohydrate- or fat-based food solution against some criteria superficial refinement of ideas and a carbohydrate- or fat-based food solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> against some criteria to make elementary recommendations for enhancements. 	3–4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> unclear combination of information about a solution for a carbohydrate- or fat-based food problem identification of a change to an idea or solution. 	1–2
The student response does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

Stimulus

About Dressings and Spreads

The new company, Dressings and Spreads is committed to making quality, healthy, plant-based foods that target its niche market. Dressings and Spreads customers appreciate the contribution that high-quality, natural plant food components and simple processing techniques make to the flavour of food products, a healthy body and a cleaner environment. Due to its ethical stance on the use of preservatives and chemical or artificial additives, all food products made by Dressing and Spreads require refrigeration.

Consumer sensory profiling research has identified an opportunity to develop a line extension to its existing product lines. Current product lines include:

- salad dressings — red chilli dressing, and sweet mustard dressing
- nut spreads — roasted peanut spread, and cashew and coconut spread.

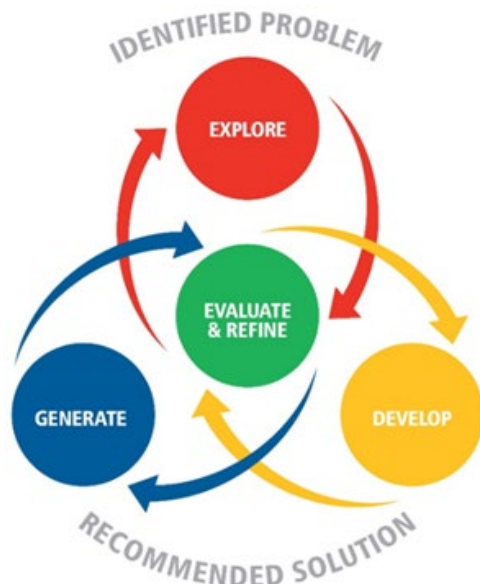
The following three prototypes have been trialled: Pine Nut Dressing, Asian Peanut Salad Dressing and Coffee Almond Spread.

Formulations of proposed line extensions																																																																																												
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Nutrition information panels — Formulation per 100 g				Consumer trends for target food markets 1. Perceived quality — Many consumers want companies to use less artificial additives and consider less food processing, with ingredient lists that are written in plain language. 2. Mindful choices — Consumers want to know more about what is in their food and where it was produced. They are worried about ethical effects on the environment and animals, and the healthiness of food.
Nutrients	Pine Nut Dressing	Asian Peanut Salad Dressing	Coffee Almond Spread	
Energy	427 kJ	257 kJ	1042 kJ	
Carbohydrate	2 g	23.6 g	9.3 g	
Fat	10.4 g	21.3 g	21.4 g	
Protein	1.4 g	6.7 g	9.1 g	

Recommended fat allowance per day		
This table is based on 30% of the kilojoules being eaten as fat each day.		
Gender	Kilojoule intake	Fat intake
Women		
Moderately-active	8,400	60 g
Sedentary	6,300	45 g
Men		
Moderately-active	10,500	80 g
Sedentary	8,400	60 g

Problem-solving process in Food & Nutrition



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