

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

INTERMEDIATE MATRICULATION LEVEL 2023 FIRST SESSION

SUBJECT: Home Economics & Human Ecology

DATE: 23rd May 2023 TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

SECTION A

Answer ALL questions.

- 1. i. Briefly describe how the Civic Amenity Sites work. (2)
 - i. Name **TWO** locations where one may find them around Malta or Gozo. (1)
 - iii. Name **FOUR** different types of waste which may be disposed of in these sites. (2)
- 2. Outline **FOUR** steps to follow when planning a budget for a university student. (2)
- 3. Differentiate between dispensable and indispensable amino acids. Name **TWO** examples of **each** type of amino acid. (2, 2)
- 4. Define hydrogenation and describe **TWO** similarities between hydrogenated vegetable oil and saturated fatty acids. (1, 2)
- 5. Justify the use of EU energy labels on home appliances. Outline **TWO** benefits for the consumer of buying a dishwasher with a class A energy label. (1, 2)
- 6. Contactless cards are becoming increasingly popular in a cashless society.
 - i. Define the term cashless society. (1)
 - ii. Name **TWO** advantages and **TWO** disadvantages of using contactless cards. (2)
- 7. Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) is the leading cause of death in Malta for both men and women.

 (State of Health in the EU: Malta Country Health Profile 2019)
 - List **TWO** dietary and **TWO** non-dietary behaviours that can contribute to the development of CHD. (2, 2)
- 8. Explain what coeliac disease is. Name **FOUR** types of foods or food products which need to be avoided by a person who is coeliac. (1, 1)
- Salmonella is a common food poisoning organism. Name TWO high risk food sources where salmonella may be present and TWO basic strategies for safe food handling during a barbecue in summer. (1, 2)
- 10. There are various services offered by the Active Ageing and Community Care to improve the quality of life of the elderly. Name **TWO** of the services offered by the Active Ageing and Community Care within the government, which encourage elderly to continue living in the community. Identify **ONE** way how an elderly person can remain active in the local community.
 (2, 1)

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- 11. Outline **ONE** advantage and **ONE** disadvantage of convenience foods. Describe **TWO** reasons why it is important to choose fresh foods over convenience foods whenever possible. (2, 2)
- 12. Dental caries is a common disease which is quite often diet related. Explain how dental caries occurs. Name **TWO** diet related guidelines which help prevent dental caries. (2, 2)

(Total: 40 marks)

SECTION B

Answer ANY THREE questions.

- 1. Carbohydrates are essential in the human body.
 - a. Differentiate between macronutrients and micronutrients and state whether carbohydrates are classified as macronutrients or micronutrients. $(1, \frac{1}{2})$
 - b. Outline **TWO** functions of carbohydrates in the body. (2)
 - c. Name the chemical elements which make up carbohydrates. (1½)
 - d. Explain the formation of disaccharides and polysaccharides from monosaccharides. (2, 2)
 - e. Carbohydrates are classified into sugars, starches and dietary fibre.
 - i. Explain the impact of consuming a diet high in sugars and starches on the body. (2)
 - ii. Explain the impact of consuming a diet low in sugars and starches on the body. (2)
 - iii. Differentiate between soluble and insoluble fibre. (2)
 - iv. Name **TWO** dietary-related conditions which might be avoided if a person consumes adequate intake of soluble and insoluble fibre. (1)
 - f. Justify the following statements from a nutritional, scientific perspective:
 - i. A 10-year-old boy requires a higher intake of carbohydrates than his brother, who is 18 years old.
 - ii. Diabetic individuals should consume carbohydrate-rich foods that are unrefined. (2)

(Total: 20 marks)

- 2. Minerals are elements found in foods that our body needs to develop and function normally.
 - a. Calcium, iron, sodium, phosphorus and potassium are essential minerals. For any **FOUR** of these minerals identify:
 - i. a role of the nutrient in the body; (4)
 - ii. **TWO** common food sources. (4)
 - b. Outline the effects on the body of a diet low in iron and calcium and name **TWO** strategies to improve the absorption of **each** of these minerals. (1, 1, 1, 1)
 - c. Name **TWO** factors which might hinder the absorption of iron. (2)
 - d. Justify, giving a scientific reason, the following statements:
 - i. An athlete might require a higher intake of sodium in the diet. (2)
 - ii. People with high blood pressure are advised to lower their intake of sodium in the diet. (2)
 - iii. A 30-year-old woman requires more iron than a 60-year-old woman. (2)

(Total: 20 marks)

3. "Consumer legislation does not only protect consumers when they buy goods from traders, but also when they purchase services."

(Consumer rights and responsibilities when buying a service: Times of Malta, July 12, 2020)

- a. List **FOUR** rights and **FOUR** responsibilities of a consumer. (2, 2)
- b. Compare and contrast **TWO** differences between a legal guarantee and a commercial guarantee. (2)
- c. Identify **SIX** factors a consumer should keep in mind when buying goods. (3)
- d. If the item or service purchased is found to be faulty, the consumer has the right to
 - i. Identify **FOUR** ways how a consumer can make a complaint. (2)
 - ii. Highlight **FOUR** points that you need to follow when making a complaint. (2)
- e. Recently consumers have chosen the trend of buying groceries online instead of going to the supermarket.
 - i. Identify **TWO** advantages and **TWO** disadvantages of this practice. (4)
 - ii. Outline **THREE** factors that should be considered when purchasing grocery items to ensure minimal environmental impact. (3)

(Total: 20 marks)

- 4. Maltese cuisine is the result of a long relationship between the inhabitants and the many civilisations who occupied the Maltese Islands over the centuries. Traditional Maltese food is rustic and based on the seasons.
 - a. Give **TWO** ways how Maltese traditional food promotes our identity. (2)
 - One of Malta's most popular dishes is Timpana (Baked Macaroni in pastry). Outline SIX modifications that can be made to the following traditional recipe to make it suitable for individuals on a weight loss diet. Each modification must be supported by nutritional justification.

Timpana (Baked Macaroni in pastry)

- 400g puff pastry
- 400g macaroni
- 400g minced pork or beef
- 2 onions
- 3 tbsp tomato paste
- 4 eggs
- 100g grated cheddar cheese
- 200g streaky bacon
- 250ml beef stock
- 1 large can of peas
- Butter for frying
- Salt and pepper
- c. Choose another traditional dish (except from Minestra) and outline **THREE** ways how it follows or opposes the dietary guidelines. Name the cooking technique used to make this dish and give **ONE** reason how it impacts the nutritional value of the dish. (3, 1, 1)
- d. Maltese cuisine promotes sustainability. Define sustainability and give **FOUR** examples how sustainability may be increased when planning traditional meals. (1, 4)
- e. Outline **TWO** ways how to ensure the retention of nutrients whilst preparing Minestra (Maltese traditional soup). (2)

(Total: 20 marks)