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SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT

Allocation of marks – 150

The marks should be recorded on the Practical Examination Working Marksheet. (The final raw mark must be scaled to a mark out of 100 before transferring to the MS1 marksheet.)

The total of 150 is divided thus:
1 Preparation session – choice and plan  50
2 Method of working  55
3 Quality of dishes  35  [Practical Test]
4 Serving and appearance  10

DETAILED ALLOCATION OF MARKS

1 PREPARATION SESSION  (50 marks)  Choice  20  Plan  30

(a) Choice
General Points – applicable to each test.
The dishes chosen should meet the requirements of the specific tasks and:
(i) show a variety of skills and processes;
(ii) combine to form well-balanced meals;
(iii) have attractive appearance;
(iv) show thought for economy in fuel and food;
(v) show an awareness of the time available for cooking and serving.

Note quantities chosen – these should be adequate for the number being served. Under choice, give credit for variety in texture and for inclusion of local fruit and vegetables.

(b) Plan of Work
Please note and mark the following points:

(i) Recipe section  (5 marks)  Dishes chosen must be clearly listed with the quantity of each ingredient for each dish.

(ii) Planning section  (23 marks)  
1 A logical sequence of work from the beginning of the test to final serving – each item followed through to serving stage. This is the most important part of the plan. It should show the candidate’s ability to visualise exactly what he/she is going to do throughout the test time and write it down in a clear sequence with adequate timings.  [10 marks]

2 Clear indication of method for each dish, e.g. make cake – creaming method – make sauce – roux method.  [5 marks]

3 Oven temperature required for each dish and cooking time – although this can be incorporated in (a).  [3 marks]

4 Time allowed for cleaning and dish washing at convenient points in the plan (not necessarily after every dish).  [3 marks]

5 Allowance of time for serving meals in the correct order of courses. Detailed timing is not required – a sensible guide is preferable.  [2 marks]
(iii) **Shopping List** (2 marks)
Should give correct total quantities of ingredients required under correct headings. Any special equipment should be stated.

2 **METHOD OF WORKING** (55 marks)

As a general guide, 28/55 for methods which just deserve a pass, 33/55 for a really sound pass and 44/55 for very good methods, excellent timing and a variety of skills shown – this mark will only be given to a very able candidate. A candidate who shows little skill and who has not chosen sufficient dishes for the available time cannot be given more than 25/55 for this section. The majority of candidates will probably achieve between 28 and 42 marks.

The following points should be considered when deciding on this mark and are intended to guide the Examiner in assessing the total mark to be given for this section.

(a) The candidate’s **general approach** – business-like and confident – should show in working that she/he has knowledge and clear understanding of recipes and methods being used. Sense of timing.  

(b) **Manipulation** – correct use of tools, skill in handling mixtures, and large and small equipment. Correct preparation of dish, meat, vegetables, fruit, seasonings and flavourings, etc.  

(c) Judgment of **consistencies** of various mixtures for e.g. scone mixtures, cake mixture etc. at the uncooked stage.  

(d) Good hygienic methods and economy in the use of fuel and food.  

(e) Oven management – control of heat on top of the stove. Knowledge of correct oven temperatures and positioning of dishes in the oven.  

(f) Tidy and methodical working throughout.  

If a candidate is extremely untidy then more than 5 marks may be deducted – if this happens, please comment on the mark sheet. **Where a candidate is preparing very simple dishes the maximum mark of 55 should be reduced accordingly.**
3 QUALITY OF DISHES  (35 marks)

All dishes must be tasted. Each dish must be marked according to flavour, texture and edibility. Please note that the maximum marks must be reduced for simple dishes involving little skill. Dishes added after the Planning Session has been completed will not receive a mark. In assessing the quality of finished dishes, comments should be written on the assessment sheet about the flavour, texture and edibility of each dish. Serving and appearance are assessed with a separate mark.

The term ‘fresh vegetables’ includes the preparation and cooking of root and/or green vegetables. Salads, which should include a variety of vegetables and fruits, may merit a maximum of 6, dressing up to 4 according to type and skill involved. NB Tinned, frozen and freeze-dried vegetables and instant coffee – maximum 1 mark each. Commercially prepared fruit juice or squash = 0. These marks apply to the result only. If serving and presentation of vegetables is good then give credit in last section, but for tinned juice, etc. no mark.

4 SERVING AND APPEARANCE  (10 (usually 5 + 5) marks)

Serving – note the following points: sequence of serving meal, correct temperature of food, correct serving dishes.

To pass a candidate must work systematically using a reasonable degree of skill, good methods and sound recipes. At least half of the resulting dishes should be of a good standard – well served, with good appearance, consistency, texture and flavour. If the main dishes of the test are inedible, then a pass result should not be given.

NOTE: The raw mark awarded to each candidate out of 150 must be scaled to a mark out of 100 before transferring to the MS1 mark sheet (max 100).

Mark Scheme

Marks should be divided between dishes and accompaniments according to the skills used. Please indicate on the mark sheet the full mark allocated for each dish and the mark awarded.

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<td>Accompaniments</td>
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<td>Dessert/starter</td>
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<td>(b) Whisked cake</td>
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<td>Biscuits by the melting method</td>
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<td>2 (a) Three dishes using the listed cooking methods</td>
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<td>(b) Cold dessert using fruit</td>
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<td>Hot dish with cheese</td>
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<td>3 Five dishes for a family gathering</td>
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<td>(b) Two dishes for a picnic</td>
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7  (a) Main dish  
   Accompaniments  
   Dessert / starter  
(b) Scones  
   Cake  

8  (a) Three dishes using listed ingredients  
(b) Small cakes by rubbing-in method  
   Dish using a steamer