

Examiner's report

Qualifications Framework

Stage 2: Feed

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General

Seven candidates sat this paper. The total marks ranged from 28% to 56% with an average of 46%

Section A

Q1

Six candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 4 to 9 Average 6

The most popular of the section A questions and generally well answered showing a good understanding of additives. Both the terms additive and premixture are defined in feed law so potentially a straightforward question for gaining marks.

Q2

Five candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 2 to 5 Average 3

The question asked for the role of both organisations in relation to feed law so answers needed to reflect this. Answers for the Veterinary Medicines Directorate were vague when compared with those for the Animal Health and Plant Agency.

Q3

Four candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 0 to 5 Average 3

This question required answers to explain the term feed for a particular nutritional use which therefore also required the term particular nutritional use to be described. It did not require explanation of terms such as compound feed or complementary feed.

Q4

Four candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 2 to 4 Average 3

Answers focused on the label formats without explaining the term 'minimum storage life' which is defined in the regulations.

Q5

Four candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 2 to 7 Average 4

The categories of incident were described but answers lacked detail on what is a feed incident.

Q6

Five candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 1 to 9 Average 5

Generally, answers recalled many of the requirements for record keeping for farmers, but candidates should remember this is a feed law exam and records only required by animal health legislation are not relevant.

Section B

Q7

Four candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 6 to 15 Average 12

This was a broad question, and most candidates identified the main provisions for the safety of feed. Whilst feed hygiene is an important part of feed safety a detailed description of the Annex requirements of Assimilated law 183/2005 was not required.

Easy marks were lost for not including prohibited materials and undesirable substances in answers.

Q8

Six candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 7 to 14 Average 12

Part (a) of the question specifically referenced the requirements in Annex II on equipment and facilities. References to other sections of the Annex e.g. production and quality control did not therefore attract any marks. The question was also not about HACCP or registration codes.

Part (b) was looking for knowledge of the practical inspection of inclusion of additives in compound feed. Generally, candidates recognised the steps to check compliance with the additive's authorisation. Most answers omitted to include checks of production records for inclusion rates and dispersion tests to ensure the additive was correctly incorporated.

The question did not require a description of the sampling procedure.

Q9

No candidates selected this question.

Q10

Four candidates selected this question with marks ranging from 16 to 22 Average 19

A well answered question demonstrating a good knowledge of powers and enforcement notices.

Averages are rounded up or down to the nearest whole number. Due to low number of candidates the averages are easily skewed by a relatively low or high mark.