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Grade Descriptors for GCSEs Graded 9-1: Food

9 To achieve a Grade 9 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate accurate and broad knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
- safely and effectively apply precise and sophisticated technical skills when using a wide range of equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present complex and nutritionally balanced dishes.
- critically analyse and evaluate food made by themselves and others to draw precise, detailed and well-evidenced conclusions
- understand and identify issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
- be able to analyse dishes and create a nutritional profile

8 To achieve a Grade 8 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate relevant and comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
- safely and effectively apply precise and sophisticated technical skills when using a wide range of equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present complex dishes
- critically analyse and evaluate food made by themselves and others to draw well-evidenced conclusions
- be able to discuss issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
- be able to analyse dishes and create a nutritional profile

7 To achieve a Grade 7 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate relevant and detailed knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
- safely and effectively apply mostly accurate and sophisticated technical skills when using a wide range of equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present complex dishes
- analyse and evaluate food made by themselves and others to draw wellevidenced conclusions
- understand issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
- analyse dishes and identify the nutrients provided

6 To achieve a Grade 6 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate accurate and specific knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
- safely and effectively apply accurate technical skills to a range of equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present dishes with a fair degree of complexity
- analyse and evaluate food made by themselves and others to draw accurate conclusions
- understand issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
- analyse dishes and identify the nutrients provided

5 To achieve a Grade 5 candidates will be able to:

- demonstrate mostly accurate and appropriate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
- safely and effectively apply competent technical skills to a range of equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present dishes with some degree of complexity
- analyse and evaluate food made by themselves and others to draw coherent conclusions
- have knowledge of issues relating to food choices, provenance and production

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- 4 To achieve a Grade 4 candidates will be able to:
 - demonstrate some accurate and appropriate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
 - safely and effectively apply technical skills to a range of equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present dishes with some degree of complexity
 - analyse and evaluate food made by themselves and others to draw relevant conclusions
 - have knowledge of issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
 - analyse dishes and identify the main nutrients provided
- 3 To achieve a Grade 3 candidates will be able to:
 - demonstrate some relevant and appropriate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
 - safely and effectively apply basic technical skills to a limited range equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present suitable dishes.
 - Basic evaluation of food made by themselves and others to draw some conclusions
 - Have some knowledge of issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
 - analyse dishes and identify some of the nutrients provided
- 2 To achieve a Grade 2 candidates will be able to:
 - demonstrate some relevant knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
 - safely apply limited skills to some equipment and ingredients to plan, prepare and present simple dishes
 - make straightforward and obvious comments on food made by themselves and others
 - have basic knowledge of issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
 - identify some nutrients provided by dishes
- 1 To achieve a Grade 1 candidates will be able to:
 - demonstrate limited knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles and properties of food science, cooking and nutrition
 - apply basic skills to some equipment and ingredients to prepare and present simple dishes
 - make obvious comments on food made by themselves and others
 - have limited knowledge of issues relating to food choices, provenance and production
 - identify some nutrients provided by foods