

GCSE Design & Technology (Food Technology)

Improving candidates' understanding of banded mark questions and explain questions

Banded mark question with sample answers

Read the question below. Using the mark scheme, mark the three sample candidate answers given out of six marks.

Sample answer 1

18 Fig. 4 shows a Fairtrade logo.



FAIRTRADE
FOUNDATION

Fig. 4

- (a)*** Explain how the Fairtrade organisation helps to address moral issues within society.
Marks will be awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.

You can buy lots of Fairtrade food in shops but it costs a lot more money because they pay the farmer a lot more money so he can live a better life. This means you are paid enough money. It also makes sure you are not badly treated at work.

I think this is how it helps address the moral issues in society because people are not treated badly and they have money.

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Sample answer 2

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Fig. 4

(a)* Explain how the Fairtrade organisation helps to address moral issues within society.
Marks will be awarded for the quality of written communication in your answer.

- Tackles poverty because farmers are given a fair amount of money for what they produce
- Community/village is better off because they sometimes build schools and hospitals for everyone
- Safe – have to keep all the workers safe and not have dangerous working places
- They don't employ children as they go to school
- Fairtrade helps poorer countries be able to feed themselves an example of a country where you get Fairtrade food from is Kenya.

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Sample answer 3

18 Fig. 4 shows a Fairtrade logo.



Fig. 4

- (a)* Explain how the Fairtrade organisation helps to address moral issues within society.
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Fairtrade products usually come from less well off countries than the UK/ Fairtrade makes sure that the farmer is paid a fair price for his product – this price should not fall below the market price. As the farmer is paid a better price this means that his standard of living improves eg having enough money for food & health. As well as paying the farmer they also invest in community projects therefore improving health facilities and education for more people. The conditions which the workers work in have to be safe therefore they don't employ children, provide correct protective clothing, only work the correct number of hours. This therefore means that the workers' rights are protected. By doing all of the above it means Fairtrade is helping to tackle poverty and therefore gives people more choices about what they can do in the future. As they have to treat people fairly it means moral issues are being addressed, I think it is important especially so women and children are fairly treated.

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