

This question tests the ability to select and synthesise evidence from different texts.

Give 0 marks for responses where there is nothing worthy of credit.

Give 1 mark to those who make some selection of relevant detail from both texts, e.g. because Americans waste a lot that is thrown away.

Give 2 marks to those who select a range of relevant detail from both texts, e.g. Humphrys says that some food that is thrown away is enough for “another family meal” and Childs says to use leftovers for “supper or breakfast”.

Give 3 marks to those who synthesise with some understanding a range of relevant detail from both texts, e.g. it is in their own interest to stop wasting food as it will save money.

Give 4 marks to those who synthesise with clear understanding and provide an overview drawn from a range of relevant detail from both texts, e.g. both writers take a moral stance on why Americans should change their attitudes to leftover food. It is simply the right thing to do to reduce food waste.

In addition to the examples given above, other details candidates may explore or comment on could be:

- Size of portions – large enough to feed a family
- America is a “temple dedicated to the worship of waste”
- Americans are the “unquestioned champions” of waste
- Food scraps should be collected after meals
- Waste food should be used to make supper or breakfast
- Americans are encouraged to recycle food waste.

This is not a checklist and the question must be marked in levels of response. Look for and reward valid alternatives.