



Question Paper Brief

Higher Biology Course

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Component	Marks		
	Knowledge and Understanding	Skills	Total
Question Paper	70+/-5	30+/-5	100

Knowledge and Understanding/Skills	Range of marks
demonstrating knowledge and understanding of biology by making statements, describing information, providing explanations and integrating knowledge	min 25
applying knowledge and understanding of biology to new situations, interpreting information and solving problems	min 25
planning and designing experiments/investigations	25–35
selecting information from a variety of sources	
presenting information appropriately in a variety of forms	
processing information/data (using calculations and units, where appropriate)	
making predictions and generalisations based on evidence/information	
drawing valid conclusions and giving explanations supported by evidence/justification	
evaluating experiments/investigations and suggesting improvements	

Additional information

Two or three extended writing questions: 10–15 marks in total. At least one of the extended writing questions will include a choice of topic.
One large data handling question: 5–9 marks
One large experimental design question: 5–9 marks
'A' type marks: approximately 30%