

Higher Biology Question Paper Brief

Knowledge and understanding marks	Skills marks	Total marks
70+/-5	30+/-5	100

Knowledge and understanding and/or skills	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ demonstrating knowledge and understanding of biology by making statements, describing information, providing explanations and integrating knowledge 	minimum 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ applying knowledge and understanding of biology to new situations, interpreting information and solving problems 	minimum 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ planning and designing experiments/investigations ◆ 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 	25 to 35

Additional information

- ◆ Two extended-response questions: 10 to 15 marks in total. Both extended-response questions will include a choice of topic.
- ◆ One data-handling question: 5 to 9 marks.
- ◆ One experimental design question: 5 to 9 marks.
- ◆ Grade-A marks account for approximately 25% of the marks.