

2 Specification at a glance

<p>AS Examination - 1411</p> <p>Unit 1 - Biology and disease – BIOL1 Examination paper (100 UMS) (60 raw marks)</p> <p>5 - 7 short answer questions plus 2 longer questions, a short comprehension and a short structured essay</p> <p>1¼ hours 33.33% of the total AS marks 16.67% of the total A-level marks</p>
<p>Unit 2 - The variety of living organisms – BIOL2 Examination paper (140 UMS) (85 raw marks)</p> <p>7 - 9 short answer questions plus 2 longer questions (1 data handling and 1 assessing analysis and evaluation)</p> <p>1¼ hours 46.67% of the total AS marks 23.33% of the total A-level marks</p>
<p>Unit 3 – Investigative and practical skills in AS Biology – BIOL3 AS Centre Assessed Unit (60 UMS) (50 raw marks)</p> <p>Practical Skills Assessment (PSA) 6 marks Investigative Skills Assignment (ISA) 44 marks</p> <p>20% of the total AS marks 10% of the total A-level marks</p>
<p>A2 Examination – 2411</p> <p>Unit 4 - Populations and environment – BIOL4 Examination paper (100 UMS) (75 raw marks)</p> <p>6 - 9 short answer questions plus 2 longer questions (a short comprehension and a short structured essay)</p> <p>1½ hours 16.67% of the total A-level marks</p>
<p>Unit 5 - Control in cells and in organisms – BIOL5 Examination paper (140 UMS) (100 raw marks)</p> <p>8 - 10 short answer questions plus 2 longer questions (a data-handling question and a synoptic essay - choice of 1 out of 2)</p> <p>2 ¼ hours 23.33% of the total A-level marks</p>
<p>Unit 6 – Investigative and practical skills A2 Biology – BIOL6 A2 Centre Assessed Unit (60 UMS) (50 raw marks)</p> <p>Practical Skills Assessment (PSA) 6 marks Investigative Skills Assignment (ISA) 44 marks</p> <p>10% of the total A-level marks</p>