



GCSE BIOLOGY

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

SUMMER 2021 ONLY

Component 1: Concepts in Biology
Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes
75% of qualification

A mix of short answer questions, structured questions, extended writing and data response questions, with some set in a practical context

Component 2: Applications in Biology
Written examination: 1 hour 15 minutes
25% of qualification

Section A (FT) / Section B (HT):
A mix of short answer questions, structured questions, extended writing and data response questions, all set in a practical context

Section B (FT) / Section A (HT):
A resource booklet containing an unseen article will provide the basis for a mix of short answer questions, structured questions and data response questions

This qualification is being withdrawn. Summer 2021 will be a re-sit opportunity only.

Summary of changes for 2021

Components 1 + 2: **Written exams (100%)**

There are no changes to the assessment of these components.

There is no requirement for the specified practical work to be completed hands-on. Teacher demonstrations, video clips and simulations could be used instead.

If teachers have the available teaching time and can safely allow hands-on practical work, then this is encouraged.

A minimum of 15% of marks in the written examinations will still cover indirect assessment of practical skills.