

Course information for Parents

Years: 9 - 11 Subject: GCSE Science

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Examination Board	Edexcel (9-1)	Specification Code	Level 1&2 Combined/Separate GCSE (9-1) Science (ISCO)

Subject Content : Full specification available at: <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcse/sciences-2016.html>

Qualification at a glance

Content and assessment overview

The Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Combined Science consists of six externally examined papers. These are available at foundation tier and higher tier.

Students must complete all assessments in the same tier.

Students must complete all assessment in May/June in any single year.

Paper 1: Biology 1 (Paper code: 1SC0/1BF, 1SC0/1BH)
<i>Written examination: 1 hour and 10 minutes</i>
<i>16.67% of the qualification</i>
<i>60 marks</i>
Content overview
Topic 1 – Key concepts in biology, Topic 2 – Cells and control, Topic 3 – Genetics, Topic 4 – Natural selection and genetic modification, Topic 5 – Health, disease and the development of medicines
Assessment overview
A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.

Paper 3: Chemistry 1 (Paper code: 1SC0/1CF, 1SC0/1CH)
<i>Written examination: 1 hour and 10 minutes</i>
<i>16.67% of the qualification</i>
<i>60 marks</i>
Content overview
Topic 1 – Key concepts in chemistry, Topic 2 – States of matter and mixtures, Topic 3 – Chemical changes, Topic 4 – Extracting metals and equilibria
Assessment overview
A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.

Paper 2: Biology 2 (Paper code: 1SC0/2BF, 1SC0/2BH)
<i>Written examination: 1 hour and 10 minutes</i>
<i>16.67% of the qualification</i>
<i>60 marks</i>
Content overview
Topic 1 – Key concepts in biology, Topic 6 – Plant structures and their functions, Topic 7 – Animal coordination, control and homeostasis, Topic 8 – Exchange and transport in animals, Topic 9 – Ecosystems and material cycles
Assessment overview
A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.

Paper 4: Chemistry 2 (*Paper code: 1SC0/2CF, 1SC0/2CH)
<i>Written examination: 1 hour and 10 minutes</i>
<i>16.67% of the qualification</i>
<i>60 marks</i>
Content overview
Topic 1 – Key concepts in chemistry, Topic 6 – Groups in the periodic table, Topic 7 – Rates of reaction and energy changes, Topic 8 – Fuels and Earth science
Assessment overview
A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.

Paper 5: Physics 1 (Paper code: 1SC0/1PF, 1SC0/1PH)
<i>Written examination: 1 hour and 10 minutes</i>
<i>16.67% of the qualification</i>
<i>60 marks</i>
Content overview
Topic 1 – Key concepts of physics, Topic 2 – Motion and forces, Topic 3 – Conservation of energy, Topic 4 – Waves, Topic 5 – Light and the electromagnetic spectrum, Topic 6 – Radioactivity
Assessment overview
A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.

Paper 6: Physics 2 (Paper code: 1SC0/2PF, 1SC0/2PH)
<i>Written examination: 1 hour 10 minutes</i>
<i>16.67% of the qualification</i>
<i>60 marks</i>
Content overview
Topic 1 – Key concepts of physics, Topic 8 – Energy - Forces doing work, Topic 9 – Forces and their effects, Topic 10 – Electricity and circuits, Topic 12 – Magnetism and the motor effect, Topic 13 – Electromagnetic induction, Topic 14 – Particle model, Topic 15 – Forces and matter
Assessment overview
A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.

*See *Appendix 10: Codes* for a description of this code and all other codes relevant to this qualification.

Combined Science exams:

6 papers-Each 1hr 10min long.

Separate Science exams:

6 papers-Each 1hr 45min long.

Additional Equipment Needed

- Calculator for every Science lesson
- Protractor for measuring angles
- Lab coat-optional to purchase from the school

Assessment Details:

To be successful students will need to be able to:

- Develop revision techniques using their classroom notes and revision guides.
- Complete exam style questions in the classroom (personalised learning), a minimum of once a week.
 - Complete the online diagnostic homework
- Complete one end of topic assessment and one overview assessment each term.
- Apply learning to 10-question quizzes that are recorded to give real-time assessment data.
- Carry out a minimum of 12 required practicals across each academic year (see full specification for details)
 - Be able to recall details of these for their exams.

What can I do to support my child at home?

Support your child with the following:

- Learning key words and definitions provided in homework sheets.
- Ensure diagnostic homework on “Educake”/LogonScience online is completed.
- Ask your child to explain what they have learnt today.
- Choose an article from the BBC about Science and discuss it with your child
- Provide students with revision guides and/or workbooks **linked to the specification** e.g.:
https://www.amazon.co.uk/GCSE-Science-Skills-Booster-Scientifically/dp/000818982X/ref=sr_1_8?ie=UTF8&qid=1466761830&sr=8-8&keywords=gcse+science+revision+guides+edexcel+2016
- Use revision websites to make revision notes e.g.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zrkw2hv>

Recommended resources for the course:

Recommended text books can be found on the web link below and are specific to the new combined and triple science courses:

Separate Science:

£10-£20



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