

A-Level Biology: AQA (7402) Curriculum and Assessment Overview

AS Level (Year 12)

Paper 1

What's assessed

 Any content from topics 1–4, including relevant practical skills

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
- 75 marks
- 50% of AS

Questions

- 65 marks: short answer questions
- 10 marks: comprehension question

Paper 2

What's assessed

 Any content from topics 1–4, including relevant practical skills

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
- 75 marks
- 50% of AS

Questions

- 65 marks: short answer questions
- 10 marks: extended response questions

A2 Level (Year 13)

Paper 1

What's assessed

 Any content from topics 1–4, including relevant practical skills

Assessed

- written exam: 2 hours
- 91 marks
- 35% of A-level

Questions

- 76 marks: a mixture of short and long answer questions
- 15 marks: extended response questions

Paper 2

What's assessed

 Any content from topics 5-8, including relevant practical skills

Assessed

- written exam: 2 hours
- 91 marks
- 35% of A-level

Questions

- 76 marks: a mixture of short and long answer questions
- 15 marks: comprehension question

Paper 3

What's assessed

 Any content from topics 1–8, including relevant practical skills

Assessed

- written exam: 2 hours
- 78 marks
- 30% of A-level

Questions

- 38 marks: structured questions, including practical techniques
- 15 marks: critical analysis of given experimental data
- 25 marks: one essay from a choice of two titles



Curriculum Delivery Plan

Year 12 (AS)

Teacher A	Teacher B
Term 1	
1A: Biological Molecules	2A: Cell Structure and Division
1B: More Biological Molecules (DNA, RNA)	2B: Cell Membranes
Term 2	
4A: DNA, RNA and Protein Synthesis	3A: Exchange and Transport Systems
2C: Cells and the Immune System	3B: More Biological Systems (Circulation)
Term 3	
4C: Diversity and Classification	4B: Diversity and Selection

Year 13 (A2)

Teacher A	Teacher B
Term 1	
7A: Genetics	5A: Photosynthesis and Respiration
7B: Populations and Evolution	5B Energy Transfer and Nutrient Cycles
Term 2	
6A: Stimuli and Responses	7C: Populations and Ecosystems
6B: Nervous Coordination	8A: Mutations and Gene Expression
6C: Homeostasis	8B: Genome Projects and Gene Technology
Term 3	
Revision and preparation for A Level	
examinations	