

**AMENDMENTS TO EDEXCEL ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY AND
ADVANCED GCE IN BIOLOGY (8040/9040) AND BIOLOGY
(HUMAN) (8042/9042)**

Key changes to the specification are listed below and will also be identified in a fully revised version of the above AS and Advanced GCE specification available on the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.org.uk). Printed versions will subsequently be available from our publications department. We will notify you through our website when the printed specifications are available.

Unit	Assessment details up to and including January 2003	Assessment details from June 2003
6101	Duration 1 ¼ hours Max Raw Marks: 70	Duration: 1 hour Max Raw Marks: 60 About eight compulsory structured questions, at least one requiring some continuous prose
6102/6112	Duration 1 ¼ hours Max Raw Marks: 70	Duration: 1 hour Max Raw Marks: 60 About eight compulsory structured questions, at least one requiring some continuous prose
6103	No change to this unit	No change to this unit

- It is no longer a QCA requirement that the synoptic units are taken together by students in their final examination sitting.
- Amendments are indicated in the attached document.
- Final submission for coursework date is May 15th.
- The student and the teacher who assesses the work must sign student coursework record sheets.

Replacement for Page 18 - From Summer 2003

Assessment units

6101 Unit 1: Molecules and cells

Written test **70 ~~60~~ marks** ~~1 hour 20 mins~~ **1 hour** AS

This test will consist of about ~~nine~~ **eight** compulsory questions allocated from four to twelve marks, presented in a question-answer booklet. The shorter questions will be designed to test mainly knowledge and understanding of the content of the unit. The longer questions will also test skills of interpretation of data or information related to the content of the unit. At least one question will require students to write part of the answer in continuous prose.

6102 Unit 2B: Exchange, transport and reproduction

6112 Unit 2H: Exchange, transport and reproduction in humans

Written test **70 ~~60~~ marks** ~~1 hour 20 mins~~ **1 hour** AS

This test will consist of about eight compulsory questions allocated from four to twelve marks, presented in a question-answer booklet. The shorter questions will be designed to test mainly knowledge and understanding of the content of the unit. The longer questions will also test skills of interpretation of data or information related to the content of the unit. At least one question will require students to write part of the answer in continuous prose.

~~The first section of the booklet will contain questions common to both units. There will be two further sections, one relating to Unit 2B and one relating to Unit 2H. Students must answer Section 1 and either Section 2B or Section 2H.~~

There will be two booklets, one for Unit 2B and one for Unit 2H

6103 Unit 3: Energy and the environment

70 marks AS

There are two assessment components:

Paper 01 **T1 Practical assessment of coursework** **32 marks** AS

Students will present an individual investigation which will be teacher assessed. The reports from selected students will be inspected by a Moderator appointed by Edexcel. Further details are given on page 56 onwards and in Appendix 3.

Paper 03 **Written test** **38 marks** **1 hour** AS

This paper will consist of about three compulsory questions presented in a question-answer booklet. The short questions will test mainly knowledge and understanding of the content of the unit. The longer questions will present students with stimulus material related to the specification content. These questions will also test skills of interpretation of data or information related to the content of the unit.