

6133/02 (Practical Work Review) - FAQs

Q. When does Edexcel release the question paper?

A. The question paper is sent to centres about four weeks before the examination date.

Q. How many copies of the question paper will be sent?

A. Edexcel sends papers in batches of either 5 or 10. We will send enough for **ONE** each for your candidates, with a small number of spares in case of late entries.

Q. When can I give the question paper to my students?

A. The paper can be given to candidates one week before the examination. In 2008, the paper is to be sat on Tuesday 13th May and can therefore be issued on Tuesday 6th May.

Q. Can students take this copy of the paper into the exam with them?

A. Candidates may only take this copy of the paper into the examination with them **IF IT IS STILL A CLEAN COPY**. This paper is an examination and not an open-book test: the JCO regulations prohibiting material being taken into the examination apply to this unit.

Q. My students have made notes all over the copy of the paper I've given them. What do they do in the exam? Will Edexcel provide a second copy of the paper?

A. Edexcel do **NOT** provide a second copy of the paper: the copy that is sent in advance is the **ONLY** copy provided. If a candidate has written over the copy of the paper issued, it is the centre's responsibility to make sure that a clean copy is provided for the examination. The best solution, therefore, is to ask your students not to write on the exam paper.

Q. What about the practicals they take in with them - can they have annotation?

A. The situation we do not want is one where the candidate writes out a set of answers on the practical reports and just copies these out during the examination! Teachers should use professional judgement on this issue e.g. if the teacher marks the work and adds a comment, this should not preclude the work being used as part of this examination.

Q. How much help can I give my students in preparing for the examination?

A. Remember that this is a paper based on coursework and should represent the work of your students. Teachers may help candidates to select the best practicals to answer the questions and consider questions from previous exams. Teachers who provide 'model answers' to the exact questions being set are in serious breach of examination regulations.

Q. Where can I find a copy of the authentication statement to be submitted?

A. A copy of the authentication statement available on the SNAB Biology web page: <http://www.edexcel.org.uk/quals/gce/biology/as/8048/>. A form should be completed for each candidate.

Q. Can students re-sit this unit?

A. Yes. Candidates can re-sit this unit at the next session. A candidate may re-sit both 6133/02 and the 6133/01 paper (Visit / Issue Report). Alternatively, if a candidate only wishes to re-sit 6133/02, he/she may transfer the 6133/01 mark to the next session and re-sit the 6133/02 paper only.

Q. Do I get the core practicals back after marking?

A. Yes. The core practicals are returned after the period for re-marks is over. Edexcel aim to return the practicals either at the end of the Michaelmas term or the start of the Lent term.