

Qualification at a glance

The Pearson Edexcel International GCSE in Biology comprises two externally-assessed papers:

- Biology Paper 1
- Biology Paper 2.

Paper overview

Biology Paper 1	*Paper code 4BI1/1B and 4SD0/1B
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Externally assessed• Availability: January and June• First assessment: June 2019	61.1% of the total International GCSE
Content summary Assesses core content that is not in bold and does not have a 'B' reference. Questions may come from any topic area across the specification. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 The nature and variety of living organisms2 Structures and functions in living organisms3 Reproduction and inheritance4 Ecology and the environment5 Use of biological resources	
Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The paper is assessed through a 2-hour written examination paper set and marked by Pearson.• The total number of marks is 110.• A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions.• A calculator may be used in the examinations.	

Biology Paper 2	*Paper code 4BI1/2B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Externally assessed Availability: January and June First assessment: June 2019 	38.9% of the total International GCSE
<p>Content summary</p> <p>Assesses all the content, including content that is in bold and has a 'B' reference. Questions may come from any topic area across the specification. Bold statements cover some sub-topics in greater depth.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The nature and variety of living organisms Structures and functions in living organisms Reproduction and inheritance Ecology and the environment Use of biological resources 	
<p>Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The paper is assessed through a 1-hour and 15-minute written examination paper set and marked by Pearson. The total number of marks is 70. A mixture of different question styles, including multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, calculations and extended open-response questions. A calculator may be used in the examinations. 	

* See *Appendix 1: Codes* for a description of this code and all the other codes relevant to this qualification.