

External assessment

Detailed markschemes specific to each examination paper are used to assess students.

External assessment details—SL

Paper 1

Duration: 3/4 hour

Weighting: 20%

Marks: 30

- 30 multiple-choice questions on core, about 15 of which are common with HL.
- The questions on paper 1 test assessment objectives 1, 2 and 3.
- The use of calculators is not permitted.
- Students will be provided with a periodic table.
- No marks are deducted for incorrect answers.

Paper 2

Duration: 1¼ hours

Weighting: 40%

Marks: 50

- Short-answer and extended-response questions on core material.
- The questions on paper 2 test assessment objectives 1, 2 and 3.
- The use of calculators is permitted. (See calculator section on the OCC.)
- A chemistry data booklet is to be provided by the school.

Paper 3

Duration: 1 hour

Weighting: 20%

Marks: 35

- This paper will have questions on core and SL option material.
- Section A: one data-based question and several short-answer questions on experimental work.
- Section B: short-answer and extended-response questions from one option.
- The questions on paper 3 test assessment objectives 1, 2 and 3.
- The use of calculators is permitted. (See calculator section on the OCC.)
- A chemistry data booklet is to be provided by the school.

External assessment details—HL

Paper 1

Duration: 1 hour

Weighting: 20%

Marks: 40

- 40 multiple-choice questions on core and AHL, about 15 of which are common with SL.
- The questions on paper 1 test assessment objectives 1, 2 and 3.
- The use of calculators is not permitted.
- Students will be provided with a periodic table.
- No marks are deducted for incorrect answers.

Paper 2

Duration: 2¼ hours

Weighting: 36%

Marks: 95

- Short-answer and extended-response questions on the core and AHL material.
- The questions on paper 2 test assessment objectives 1, 2 and 3.
- The use of calculators is permitted. (See calculator section on the OCC.)
- A chemistry data booklet is to be provided by the school.

Paper 3

Duration: 1¼ hours

Weighting: 24%

Marks: 45

- This paper will have questions on core, AHL and option material.
- Section A: one data-based question and several short-answer questions on experimental work.
- Section B: short-answer and extended-response questions from one option.
- The questions on paper 3 test assessment objectives 1, 2 and 3.
- The use of calculators is permitted. (See calculator section on the OCC.)
- A chemistry data booklet is to be provided by the school.