

IB Diploma Biology Assessment (SL)

Component	Overall weighting (%)	Approximate weighting of objectives (%)		Duration (hours)	Format and syllabus coverage
		1+2	3		
Paper 1	20	20		$\frac{3}{4}$	30 multiple-choice questions on the core
Paper 2	32	16	16	$1\frac{1}{4}$	Section A: one data-based question and several short-answer questions on the core (all compulsory) Section B: one extended-response question on the core (from a choice of three)
Paper 3	24	12	12	1	Several short-answer questions in each of the two options studied (all compulsory)

IB Diploma Biology Assessment (HL)

Component	Overall weighting (%)	Approximate weighting of objectives (%)		Duration (hours)	Format and syllabus coverage
		1+2	3		
Paper 1	20	20		1	40 multiple-choice questions (± 15 common to SL plus about five more on the core and about 20 more on the AHL)
Paper 2	36	18	18	2¼	Section A: one data-based question and several short-answer questions on the core and the AHL (all compulsory) Section B: two extended-response questions on the core and the AHL (from a choice of four)
Paper 3	20	10	10	1¼	Several short-answer questions and one extended-response question in each of the two options studied (all compulsory)

GRADE BOUNDARIES for MAY 2010

These vary slightly from year to year but act as a good guide to the levels attained on your practice papers.

BIOLOGY TZ2

(IB Africa, Europe & Middle East & IB Asia-Pacific)

Overall grade boundaries

Higher level

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mark range:	0 - 15	16 - 28	29 - 42	43 - 54	55 - 67	68 - 79	80 - 100

Standard level

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mark range:	0 - 13	14 - 25	26 - 39	40 - 51	52 - 63	64 - 75	76 - 100

Internal assessment counts for 24% of the overall marks

Higher level and standard level internal assessment

Component grade boundaries

Higher level

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mark range:	0 - 8	9 - 16	17 - 22	23 - 27	28 - 33	34 - 38	39 - 48

Standard level

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mark range:	0 - 8	9 - 16	17 - 22	23 - 27	28 - 33	34 - 38	39 - 48

Paper 1 accounts for 20% of the overall marks

Higher level paper one

Component grade boundaries

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mark range:	0 - 10	11 - 15	16 - 23	24 - 27	28 - 31	32 - 35	36 - 40

Standard level paper one

Component grade boundaries

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mark range:	0 - 7	8 - 11	12 - 17	18 - 20	21 - 23	24 - 26	27 - 30

Paper 2 accounts for 32% of the overall marks

Higher level paper two

Component grade boundaries

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mark range:	0 - 8	9 - 16	17 - 25	26 - 35	36 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 72

Standard level paper two

Component grade boundaries

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mark range:	0 - 3	4 - 6	7 - 12	13 - 19	20 - 26	27 - 33	34 - 50

Paper 3 accounts for 24% of the overall marks

Higher level paper three

Component grade boundaries

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mark range:	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 26	27 - 31	32 - 40

Standard level paper three

Component grade boundaries

Grade:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mark range:	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 13	14 - 18	19 - 22	23 - 27	28 - 36