

Exam Board:	AQA
Subject:	Biology
Paper:	Biology Paper 2
Marks available:	100
Length of paper:	1 hour 45 minutes
Topics:	Homeostasis & Response; Inheritance, Variation & Evolution; Ecology

Exam Information, guidance and hints

Command words:

- Complete - Fill in gaps/add labels
- Give - Recall a simple fact
- Draw - Draw a symbol, diagram or graph
- Name - Only a short answer is required, not an explanation or a description. Often it can be answered with a single word, phrase or sentence.
- Describe - Give details about an event, idea or a process
- Explain - Give reasons for an event, idea or process (use because/so)
- Compare - Identify how things are similar/different
- Suggest - Use your own knowledge in an unfamiliar context
- Plan - Write a method
- Calculate - Use numbers in a formula

Hints/tips:

- If you are given the equation, ensure you are using it correctly.
- When plotting a graph make sure you are using a pencil & ruler. Be accurate when plotting the points / drawing the bars.

Online Resources

- [Cognito past papers](#)

Foundation Example Papers and Markschemes**Higher Example Papers and Markschemes**

2018 F Paper	Annotated P2	2018 MS	2018 H paper	Annotated P2	2018 MS
2019 F Paper	Annotated P2	2019 MS	2019 H Paper	Annotated P2	2019 MS
2020 F Paper	Annotated P2	2020 MS	2021 H Paper	Annotated P2	2021 MS

PLC Biology Paper 1 - Mock 1

Topic	Key information related to topic	Sparx Code	Resources/Information related to topic	How well do you understand this topic? RAG		
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Homeostasis	Describe and explain the differences between the nervous and endocrine systems.	R832	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-7.07			
Homeostasis	Describe the order in which a nervous response occurs.	R213	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-7.05			
Homeostasis	HIGHER - Describe the effects of adrenaline on the human body.	R904	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-7.01			
Homeostasis	Explain how blood glucose levels are controlled in the body and how diabetes affects the body.	R379 R841	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-7.03 https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-7.04			
Homeostasis	Describe a method for measuring human reaction time. Include control variables to ensure valid, reliable results.	R683	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-7.05 https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-11.08			
Homeostasis	Describe what a reflex action is and give some examples.	R936	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-7.05			
Homeostasis	Name the structures in the brain and give the functions for each.	R838	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-4.12			
Homeostasis	Explain some of the common eye problems and how they can be corrected.	R864 R369	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-4.14			
Homeostasis	Name the structures and describe the functions of each structure in the eye.	R850	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-4.13			
Homeostasis	Explain how hormones control the menstrual cycle and how they can be used in contraception to prevent pregnancy.	R679	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-7.09			
Homeostasis	HIGHER - Explain how hormones can be used in IVF to treat infertility in humans.	R493	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-7.1			

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Homeostasis	Describe the processes of filtration and selective reabsorption and state which molecules are not filtered, are filtered out completely and which are filtered but then selective reabsorbed.	R445 R591 R570	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_4.09 https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_4.11			
Homeostasis	HIGHER - Explain how a change in ADH production by the pituitary gland can impact the volume and concentration of urine produced by the kidney's	R141	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_4.09			
Homeostasis	Describe what a tropism is in plants and name the hormone responsible for the response.	R201	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_6.16 https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_11.09			
Homeostasis	Plan an investigation to investigate the effect of directional light of the growth of seedlings.	R730	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_11.09			
Homeostasis	HIGHER - Explain how different plant hormones can be used to control plant growth and fruit ripening.	R782	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_6.16			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	Name the classification groups in order of size in Linnaeus's classification system.	R761	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_8.22			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	State what makes up a species binomial name.	R761	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_8.22			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	Explain the importance of Mendel's work on inheritance and suggest why the importance was not recognised until much later.	R189	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_8.17			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	Name the scientists who developed the theory of evolution by natural selection and describe the theory.	R909 R157 R738	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_8.05 https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t_8.17			

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			8.07 https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-8.07			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	State the reasons that a species may become extinct.	R294 R719	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-8.19			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	Describe how selective breeding can result in domestic animals.	R754	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-8.18			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	Explain how to determine the most recent common ancestor or the most distant relative of a species using an evolutionary tree.	R761	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-8.22			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	Define key inheritance vocabulary such as genotype, phenotype, allele, homozygous, heterozygous, dominant and recessive.	R216	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-8.02			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	Use genetic diagrams to draw and complete a punnett square diagram including showing the probability for a particular genotype or phenotype	R249 R933 R431	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-8.14			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	HIGHER - Explain why a genetic disease being caused by a recessive allele is much rarer in a population.	R249 R933 R431	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-8.14			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	Describe the stages of genetic modification and suggest the reasons people may have concerns over GM food	R801 R609	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-9.01			
Inheritance, variation and evolution	Explain how the use of GM crops can increase the yield of a crop.	R805	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-9.01			
Inheritance, variation and	Explain why a farmer might choose to take cuttings of a plant rather than growing the plant	R859	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-9.03			

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evolution	from seeds.					
Ecology	Name the factors that plants and animals compete for.	R750	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-10.02			
Ecology	Explain how different adaptations can make an animal more likely to survive.	R453	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-8.21			
Ecology	Draw and label a pyramid of biomass using available data.	R618	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-10.06			
Ecology	Explain what causes decomposition and decay and why if the conditions are not suitable decay does not occur.	R687 R152	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-10.11 https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-11.11			
Ecology	Explain how the destruction of different habitats (rainforests/peat bogs etc) is impacting the Earth's atmosphere.	R975	https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-10.19 https://cognitoedu.org/coursesubtopic/b2-gcse-aqa-h-t-10.13			
Scientific Skills	Calculate % change	X	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAcDJDjQk2g			
Scientific Skills	Describe relationships shown in graphs	X	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzDUYj6nNCA			
Scientific Skills	Write numbers to a specific number of decimal places	X	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7ozJW8LSxw			
Scientific Skills	Write numbers to a specific number of significant figures	X	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-X0amVzMKFo			
Scientific Skills	Identify variables in experiments	X	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKbUbfadxRU			