Purpose

To provide information about this year’s Biology examination.

Information

Information about the format of Paper One and Paper Two was provided in Subject notice 1 published in April 2012.

The examination will consist of:

- short-response questions that will assess Understanding biology (UB) and Investigating biology (IB)
- extended-response questions that will assess Evaluating biological issues (EBI).

Three EBI question topics will be assessed this year. The topics are listed below to allow candidates to research each topic prior to the examination.

Candidates can bring their EBI topic research material (for all three topics) into the examination room on one double-sided sheet of A4 paper. It may be handwritten or typed. Although the research material itself will not be assessed by markers, it must be handed to the supervisor at the end of the Paper Two examination session.

**EBI topics**

**Paper One Part B — Physiology of organisms**
The impact of selective breeding on an organism’s physiology.

**Paper One Part C — Organisms and ecosystems**
The possible effects of shipping accidents and oil spills on the ecosystems of the Great Barrier Reef.

**Paper Two Part B — Evolution and diversity**
The role of captive breeding programs in improving global diversity.

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