

JOHN EDMONDSON HIGH SCHOOL

Assessment Notification

Faculty: Science Course: HSC Investigating Science Year: HSC Year 12

Assessment Task: Task 4: Trial Examination

Assessment Weighting: 30% Due: Term 3 Week 3-4 Date: 5th August- 16th August 2024

Task Type: Hand in Task ☐ In Class Task ☒ Practical Task ☐

Outcomes assessed (NESA)

INS11/12-1- Develops and evaluates questions and hypotheses for scientific investigation.

INS11/12-2- Designs and evaluates investigations in order to obtain primary and secondary data and information.

INS11/12-4- Selects and processes appropriate qualitative and quantitative data and information using a range of appropriate media.

INS11/12-5- Analyses and evaluates primary and secondary data and information.

INS11/12-6- Solves scientific problems using primary and secondary data, critical thinking skills, and scientific processes.

INS12-12- Develops and evaluates the process of undertaking scientific investigations.

INS12-13- Describes and explains how science drives the development of technologies.

INS12-14 uses evidence-based analysis in a scientific investigation to support or refute a hypothesis

INS 12-15- Evaluates the implications of ethical, social, economic, and political influences on science

Task Description/Overview

The trial Examination will take place in the hall during the examination block from 1st August-12th August.

Time: 3 hours + 5 minutes reading time

Task Description: The examination will total 100 marks and include 20 multiple-choice questions and a range of written responses. Multiple Choice answers are to be completed on the separate answer sheet provided.

Detailed Assessment Task Description

The Trial Examination will have 2 Sections

Section 1: 20 multiple-choice questions

Section 2: Written responses based on Knowledge and Understanding, as well as Working Scientifically Skills.

Modules Assessed:

Module 5: Scientific Investigations

Module 6: Technologies Module 7: Fact of Fallacy

Equipment Required: Pencil, Blue/Black Pen, ruler, eraser, sharpener and calculator.

Test/Examination Structure		
Section Description	Marks Available	
Section 1: Multiple-Choice Questions	20	
Section 2: Written responses (Short and extended responses)	80	
Total Marks for this task	100	

Assessment Criteria		
Grade	Description	Mark Range
Outstanding (O)	The student has an extensive knowledge and	84.5-100
	understanding of the content and can readily apply this	
	knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very	
	high level of competence in the processes and skills and	
	can apply these skills to new situations.	
High (H)	The student has a thorough knowledge and	69.5-84
	understanding of the content and a high level of	
	competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the	
	student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills	
	to most situations.	
Sound (S)	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding	49.5-69
	of the content and has achieved a good level of	
	competence in the processes and skills.	
Basic (B)	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding	27.5-49
	of the content and has achieved a basic level of	
	competence in the processes and skills.	
Limited (L)	The student has an elementary knowledge and	0-27
	understanding in a few areas of the content and still	
	requires further work to achieve competence in the	
	processes and skills.	

Satisfactory completion of courses

A course has been satisfactorily completed, when the student has:

- Followed the course developed/endorsed by the NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA)
- Applied himself/herself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course.
- Achieved some or all of the course outcomes