Assessment outline

First examinations 2014

| Assessment component | Weighting |
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| External assessment (3 hours) Paper 1 (45 minutes) Syllabus content: Core | 76% 20% |
| Assessment objectives 1 and 2 | 32% |
| 30 multiple-choice questions on the core syllabus. | |
| (30 marks) | |
| Paper 2 (1 hour 15 minutes) Syllabus content: Core | |
| Assessment objectives 1–3 | |
| Section A: Students answer one data-based question and several short-answer questions on the core (all compulsory). (30 marks) | |
| Section B: Students answer one extended-response question on the core (from a choice of three). (20 marks) | |
| (50 marks) | |
| Paper 3 (1 hour) Syllabus content: Options | 24% |
| Assessment objectives 1–3 | |
| Several short-answer questions (all compulsory) in each of the two options studied. | |
| (40 marks) | |
| Internal assessment/Practical work (40 hours) (48 marks) | 24% |
| This component is internally assessed by the teacher and externally moderated by the IB at the end of the course. | |
| Investigations (30 hours) A mixture of short- and long-term investigations | |
| (42 marks) | |
| Group 4 project (10 hours) Interdisciplinary project. Assessed for personal skills (PS) only. | |
| (6 marks) | |