

# GCE Chemistry

## Specification Addendum

### Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2020–2021)

**This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification**

The table below details any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions for Summer 2021.

**Please note: This applies only to candidates entering in Summer 2021**

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
<b>AS 1: Basic Concepts in Physical and Inorganic Chemistry</b>	External written examination  1 hour 30 mins  Students answer Section A containing 10 multiple-choice questions (10 marks) and Section B containing a number of structured questions (80 marks).	40% of AS  16% of A level	No Changes
<b>AS 2: Further Physical and Inorganic Chemistry and an Introduction to Organic Chemistry</b>	External written examination  1 hour 30 mins  Students answer Section A containing 10 multiple-choice questions (10 marks) and Section B containing a number of structured questions (80 marks).	40% of AS  16% of A level	No Changes
<b>AS 3: Basic Practical Chemistry</b>	Practical Booklet A consists of a variety of practical tasks (25 marks). Students take the assessment in the laboratory.  1 hour 15 mins  Practical Booklet B consists of a variety of questions testing knowledge of practical techniques, observations and calculations (55 marks). Students take the examination in an examination hall.  1 hour 15 mins	20% of AS  8% of A level	<b>Booklet A</b> - students are not required to complete this practical skills examination due to Public Health restrictions.  <b>Booklet B</b> – CCEA will provide a list of practicals being assessed in this booklet to minimise the amount of practical preparation required.

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
<b>A2 1: Further Physical and Organic Chemistry</b>	External written examination  2 hours  Students answer Section A containing 10 multiple-choice questions (10 marks) and Section B containing a number of structured questions (100 marks).	40% of A2  24% of A level	No Changes
<b>A2 2: Analytical, Transition Metals, Electrochemistry and Organic Nitrogen Chemistry</b>	External written examination  2 hours  Students answer Section A containing 10 multiple-choice questions (10 marks) and Section B containing a number of structured questions (100 marks).	40% of A2  24% of A level	No Changes
<b>A2 3: Further Practical Chemistry</b>	Practical Booklet A consists of a variety of practical tasks (30 marks). Students take the assessment in the laboratory.  1 hour 15 mins  Practical Booklet B consists of a variety of questions testing knowledge of practical techniques, observations and calculations  (60 marks). Students take the examination in an examination hall.  1 hour 15 mins	20% of A2  12% of A level	<b>Booklet A</b> – students are not required to complete this practical skills examination due to Public Health restrictions.  <b>Booklet B</b> – CCEA will provide a list of practicals being assessed in this booklet to minimise the amount of practical preparation required.

For candidates who started their GCE course in September 2019 and hope to achieve a GCE qualification level grade in Summer 2021, they will be awarded a grade based on their performance in their A2 units only.

If a candidate decides they wish to re-enter for the corresponding AS units, they will be awarded the higher of two options:

- a) the grade based on the outcome of the A2 exams; or
- b) the grade based on the outcome of the AS and A2 exams together.

Candidates who commenced their course in September 2019 and wish to re-enter AS units must enter for all AS units.

For candidates commencing their GCE course in September 2020, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the units are delivered in numerical order in case of any further disruption to the academic year.