

BIOL21090 Dissertation Marking Scheme 2018-19

The following criteria are to be considered when allocating marks to the Dissertation:

Mark	Abstracts (lay & scientific)	Academic Content	Use of Resources	Organisation & Presentation
	Abstracts should each be 200 words in length and should summarise the contents of the report. The lay abstract should have a clear explanation without technical language and using short sentences.	Addressing the topic in a comprehensive manner. Evidence of critical analysis and original thought. Relevance of information to the topic. Interpretation and accuracy of information.	Range of literature cited. Should be a good balance between different types of literature. Citation of literature should be consistent, most statements supported by citations, no errors in cross referencing.	Clear subdivision of reports to aid conveyance of information. Intelligent and creative use of figures, tables and text to convey information. Use of English (good spelling & grammar). Overall presentation with attention to detail.
9,10	Outstanding in all areas; abstracts provide clear, concise and accurate summaries, no technical language in lay abstract; clear evidence of critical analysis, high degree of originality throughout.			
8	Excellent in all areas; abstracts provide clear, concise and accurate summaries; evidence of critical analysis; comprehensive tackling of topic.			
7	Very good in all or most areas, with some evidence of critical review, but with minor errors or deficiencies in use of appropriate language for abstracts, accuracy of information, use of resources, presentation, balance of sources used, weighting of topics.			
6	Good overall, with the focus more on reporting the literature review rather than a critical review of it. Some errors or deficiencies such as technical jargon in lay abstract, irrelevant information, errors in citation of references, inappropriate weighting of some sections, inadequate quality of some figures or tables.			
5	Satisfactory in all or most areas demonstrating some effort to understand and report the topic, although there may be inappropriate terminology used in abstracts, irrelevant information and errors and deficiencies in content, references, figures and tables.			
4	Meets the basic criteria; abstracts present and make some attempt to summarise report contents; coverage of the topic is too vague, with deficiencies and errors in the use and citation of resources, and little attention to detail and organisation.			
3	Poor in most or many areas; abstracts present but bear little relationship with report content; demonstrating a lack of understanding of the topic, with little effort to review the literature, minimal use of resources and little attention to detail.			
2	Unsatisfactory overall; abstracts present but bear no relationship with report content; serious deficiencies throughout; very little content of substance and little effort to use available resources, very poor attention to detail.			
0,1	Fails to meet even the most basic criteria; both abstracts not present; most information will be missing, irrelevant and incorrect; no literature or referencing, no attention to detail.			