

EDEXCEL - DEvised INTERNAL ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES (IAA's)

Frequently Asked Questions relating to the Updates Series 4 C1a IAA Topic 6 February 2009

1. My candidates sat the original version of the IAA. Is this original version still valid?

Answer: Yes. The original version of the IAA will be valid for moderation in all session until June 2011.

2. My students were assessed in November 2009. Do they need to resit the updated IAA?

Answer: No. There is no need to re-sit the IAA. The candidates will not be disadvantaged. For further detail contact the Science Subject team on 0844 576 0037.

3. My candidates took the original version of the IAA but I have yet to mark it. What should I do?

Answer: Mark the work according to the published generic criteria. If you would like additional support with your marking then please contact: 360science@edexcel.com. If you would like to speak to someone then please telephone our Science Subject team on: 0844 576 0037.

4. My candidates are yet to start their IAA on this topic. Which version should they use?

Answer: The updated version.

5. My candidates took the original version and I'm really worried about their marks. Can I speak to somebody?

Answer: Yes. If you would like to speak to someone then please telephone our Science Subject team on: 0844 576 0037.

6. Has the detailed Assessment Guidance for C1a series 4 been updated as well as the IAA?

Answer: No. The detailed Assessment Guidance is the same as the hard copy you received in December 2009.

7. Where can I find a copy of the detailed assessment guidance

Answer: The detailed assessment guidance is located on the 360 science web site alongside the updated version of the IAA.

8. My students took the updated IAA. Which marking criteria and Assessment Guidance should I use?

Answer: Mark the completed work according to the published generic criteria. You may use the detailed Assessment Guidance to support your marking.

9. My candidates have already completed the original IAA. Can I add the missing page now and get them to complete it?

Answer: No. Centres should only submit the original IAA without the extra page.

10. At our centre some candidates took the original IAA and others took the replacement. What should I do?

Answer: Mark and use the assessment guidance as appropriate to each version of the IAA. Submit the samples requested by Edexcel regardless of which IAA each sample candidate may have completed. You may include a covering note for the moderator explaining that you are submitting a mixture of original and updated version if you wish. However the updated version will be clearly identifiable to the moderator and they will have been standardised on the moderation of both versions of the IAA.