

AS/A level Biology A – Salters Nuffield

Grade Boundaries
Summary

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Edexcel AS Biology A (8BN0)

Grade Boundaries

The tables below give the lowest raw marks for the award of the stated grade.

Marks for AS Biology A are out of a total of **160 marks**.

AS Biology A	A	B	C	D	E
(8BN0) Biology Salters Nuffield	111	98	85	72	60

The tables below give the lowest raw marks for the award of the notional component grade* for the papers comprising the qualification. All grade boundaries shown in shaded columns are those decided by examiners; all others are nominal and decided arithmetically.

AS Biology A papers are out of a total of **80 marks** each.

AS Biology A	A	B	C	D	E
Paper 1 Lifestyle, Transport, Genes and Health	59	52	45	38	32
Paper 2 Development, Plants and the Environment	52	46	40	34	28

Provisional pass rate data

The percentage of candidates obtaining each grade at the time of grading are given below (the final figures may vary slightly from these).

AS Biology A (8BN0)	A	B	C	D	E
Number of students	77	121	176	215	253
Percentage of students	26.9	42.3	61.5	75.2	88.5



Edexcel A level Biology A (9BN0)

Grade Boundaries

The tables below give the lowest **raw marks** for the award of the stated grade.

Marks for A level Biology A are out of a total of **300 marks**.

A level Biology A	A*	A	B	C	D	E
(9BN0) Biology Salters Nuffield	225	200	173	146	119	92

The tables below give the lowest **raw marks** for the award of the notional component grade for the papers comprising the qualification. All grade boundaries shown in shaded columns are those decided by examiners; all others are nominal and decided arithmetically.

A level Biology A papers are out of a total of **100 marks** each.

A level Biology A	A*	A	B	C	D	E
Paper 1 The Natural Environment and Species Survival	79	70	59	48	38	28
Paper 2 Energy, Exercise and Co-ordination	72	64	56	48	40	32
Paper 3 General and Practical Applications	74	66	57	48	40	32

Provisional pass rate data

The percentage of candidates obtaining each grade at the time of grading are given below (the final figures may vary slightly from these)

A level Biology A (9BN0)	A*	A	B	C	D	E
Number of students	338	1050	2005	2853	3459	3758
Percentage of students	8.6	26.7	51.0	72.5	87.9	95.5



***Understanding notional component grade boundaries**

Notional grade performance at component level plays no part in the determination of a qualification grade. Component-level grade boundaries in these linear qualifications are notional only, and do not equate to a certificated grade. When the subject grade boundaries are recommended by the senior examiners, it helps them to consider the component performance for a candidate who will achieve, say, a borderline grade A by producing a borderline grade A performance on each component. For teachers, the notional component grade boundaries can be useful as an indicator of grade performance when, for example, an examination paper is used as a future mock examination.

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