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May–June 2022 Assessment Window

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## Astronomy Advance Information

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### Instructions

- Please ensure that you have read this notice before the examination.

### Information

- This notice covers all examined components.
- The format of the assessments remains unchanged.
- This advance information notice details the focus of the content of the exams in the May–June 2022 assessments.
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to help students to focus their revision time.
- Students and teachers can discuss the advance information.
- This document has 3 pages.

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## General advice

- In addition to covering the content outline in the advance information, students and teachers should consider how to:
  - manage their revision of content that may be assessed in areas not covered by the advance information
  - manage their revision of other parts of the specification that may provide knowledge which helps with understanding the areas being tested in 2022.
- For specifications with synoptic questions, topics not explicitly given in the advance information may appear, e.g. where students are asked to bring together knowledge, skills and understanding from across the specification.
- For specifications with optional papers/topics/content, students should only refer to the advance information for their intended option.
- For specifications with NEA, advance information does not cover any NEA components.

A link to the Joint Council for Qualifications guidance document on advance information can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications website or [here](#).

## Advance Information

### Subject specific section

- For each paper, the lists below show the major focus to help direct your revision time.
- Observational skills and mathematical skills may be assessed throughout the papers.
- Topics **not** included on the lists for an examination paper **may still appear** in low tariff or 'linked' questions.
- Each exam paper may include some, or all, of the content in the listed topic.

### Paper 1: Naked-eye Astronomy

For this paper, the list shows the major focus of the content of the exam:

- Topic 2            The lunar disc (2.1–2.8)
- Topic 4b          Time and the Earth-Moon-Sun cycles (4.9–4.17)
- Topic 5            Solar System observation (5.1–5.8)
- Topic 6a          Celestial observation (6.1–6.6)
- Topic 6b          Celestial observation (6.7–6.17)
- Topic 8            Planetary motion and gravity (8.1–8.9)

### Paper 2: Telescopic Astronomy

For this paper, the list shows the major focus of the content of the exam:

- Topic 10          Solar astronomy (10.1–10.12)
- Topic 11a          Exploring the Solar System (11.1–11.13)
- Topic 11b          Exploring the Solar System (11.14–11.25)
- Topic 11c          Exploring the Solar System (11.26–11.30)
- Topic 12          Formation of planetary systems (12.1–12.8)
- Topic 13c          Exploring starlight (13.20–13.34)

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