## To ace IGCSE Biology exam

Everyone would wish to get good scores on their exams, right? For those who are struggling with academic pressure, I am willing to help you guys with useful tips and advice on these subjects. As an A\* student albeit in coordinated sciences I will try my best to help you achieve your desired grades.

## Advices on biology:

- 1. Take a close read at the <u>syllabus</u> as it includes the general topic of the questions you will be facing. This will help you understand which topics you need to pay more attention towards and rehearse those topics in detail according to the syllabus.
- 2. Do the **papers**. Although it does feel as if you are doing the same thing over and over while doing papers, in the end it will help you get a better grasp of what to expect during the exam.
- 3. Pay attention to the <u>number of points</u> a question has, not just for biology; the number of points for a question indicates how many points you need to bring up in order to get full points.
- 4. Don't just try to memorise everything, but try to <u>understand</u> why that thing happens and the process behind such processes.
- 5. No matter how sure you are, remember to **double check** your answers carefully, otherwise there will be even a slight mistake, causing a point loss.
- 6. Bug your teacher. Not in the literal sense but ask your teacher to **clarify** things if you don't understand a certain process.

Paper: You will be examined with three papers

- -Paper 2 : Multiple choice, which consists of 40 questions and for this paper I recommend you eliminate the obviously false answers first.
- -Paper 4: Theory paper, which consists of 120 points and for this one I recommend you to aim for key words other than complex sentences.
- -Paper 6: Practical, consisting of 60 points. And I recommend you to be careful while reading the question and read them FULLY.

Additionally, you can always look up the **mark scheme** answers to check yourself or to get to know how you should answer some questions. In other words, being familiar with mark schemes can sometimes be an advantage. Always **ask your teacher** without worrying too much, if you are having difficulties. Because they are always open to give you proper explanations and offer help. You can try the "**Pomodoro technique**" while studying, which is basically setting a set timer which rings in intervals alternating between rest and study periods (This method helped me study efficiently). Most importantly, try to have good **time management** and make sure you rest well and take good care of your health during the exam period. May RN Jesus bless you.

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