

NATURAL SCIENCES

CAPS Section 4

Senior Phase
(Grades 7 – 9)



Description of the forms of assessment

Each of these forms of assessment is described for clarity:

- Projects
- Practical tasks
- Tests and examinations
- Investigation activities

Cognitive levels for assessment

- Revised Bloom's Taxonomy has been used instead of the older version;
- The revised Bloom's Taxonomy has 6 levels but are grouped into the same *Low Order*, *Middle Order*, and *High Order*



Framework for each examinations

The following are provided:

- a framework for each examination in each grade;
- weighting of marks calculated per topic;
- distribution of marks according to cognitive levels;

Programme of formal assessment

The following have been provided:

- *Summary* table of the programme of assessment
- Table of programme of assessment per grade with:
 - Form of Assessment
 - Tools of Assessment
 - Minimum Marks
 - Maximum Time Allocation
 - Content and skills focus
 - No. of Tasks



Recording and calculation

- Recording and calculation of marks for reporting in each term;
- A practical exercise on a spreadsheet will be useful for this section;

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