

Natural Sciences Tripos Part II, Biological and Biomedical Sciences
MARKING AND CLASSING SCHEME 2023-24

The relevant Ordinance 30, page 417, *Statutes & Ordinances 2023*, prescribes:-

1. Each candidate shall offer
 - (a) the examination requirements of one Major Subject
 - (b) the examination requirements of one Minor Subject
 - (c) a dissertation of not more than 6,000 words, excluding tables, figures and references.
2. The maximum marks allocated to each component of the examination shall be in the following proportions:

Major subject	64
Minor subject	16
Dissertation	20

3. Marks for each paper and for the dissertation should be submitted unrounded out of 100 in the formatted spreadsheet provided. The necessary transformation to produce marks in the correct proportions for combination will be performed by the Faculty Office. A single rounding will be performed on the combined mark before Classing. The Order of Merit will be calculated from the unrounded mark.

Examiners are further requested to provide Faculty Office with an electronic copy of the raw mark book containing marks for each question, and a copy of the mark scheme used. This is necessary for a fair review of marks in a composite Tripos. In Biology subjects where the BBS students are sitting the same papers as NST II single subject candidates, the standard deviation and mean for BBS candidates, and for NST candidates should also be indicated.

4. The minimum percentages for the various classes within a subject shall be:

Class I	70%
Class II.i	60%
Class II.ii	50%
Class III	40%

6. In drawing up a provisional mark book for the Tripos, the following class boundaries will be applied:

Class I	70%
Class II.i	60%
Class II.ii	50%
Class III	40%

It will remain the case that at the Final Meeting of Examiners discretion will be exercised in considering the class of individual candidates at the boundaries.