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Introduction

This occupational specialism is assessed by a synoptic assessment consisting of a package of 3 assignments. The assignments require the student to independently apply an appropriate selection of knowledge, understanding, skills and techniques developed throughout the full course of study, in response to briefs or tasks. This will allow the student to demonstrate that they have met a level of threshold competence in the performance outcomes (POs) of the occupational specialism.

The synoptic assessment for this occupational specialism is graded by pass, merit or distinction, and the final grade will contribute 60% of the overall technical qualification grade. Therefore, it is important that students have the opportunity to produce work of the highest standard they can. The assignments within this synoptic assessment are designed to allow the student to do this in a way that is as occupationally realistic as possible.

What is threshold competence?

Threshold competence is defined as a level of competence that:

- signifies that a student is well-placed to develop full occupational competence with further support and development, once in employment
- is as close to full occupational competence as can be reasonably expected of a student studying the technical qualification in a provider-based setting with a substantial industry placement
- signifies that a student has achieved the level for a pass in relation to the relevant occupational specialism component

This level is reflected in the grading descriptors of the occupational specialism and successful completion of the assignments will ensure that students are well-placed to develop full occupational competence once in employment. Grading descriptors can be found in the technical qualification specification document.

What is synoptic assessment?

Synoptic assessment is a form of assessment in which students are required to demonstrate that they can identify and use, in an integrated way, an appropriate selection of skills, techniques, concepts, theories and knowledge from across the technical area, relevant to the tasks.

Synoptic assessment is integral to high-quality technical qualifications to allow students to demonstrate a holistic understanding of the sector, making effective connections between different aspects of the subject content.

The assignments and tasks in this assessment are designed to be synoptic in a way that is as occupationally realistic as possible.

How will students be assessed?

Students will be assessed against the following set of performance outcomes (POs) that describe what the student should be able to do.

Laboratory Sciences POs	
PO1	Perform a range of appropriate scientific techniques to collect experimental data in a laboratory setting, complying with regulations and requirements
PO2	Plan, review, implement and suggest improvements to scientific tasks relevant to a laboratory setting
PO3	Identify and resolve issues with scientific equipment or data errors

The synoptic assessment consists of 3 assignments:

Assignment 1

Perform a literature review surrounding a given problem that is relevant to an occupational setting. Carry out a literature review to determine suitable methods and how to interpret results.

Students will be provided with an online information package of literature sources. They should search only these sources to find relevant material and to carry out the review.

Students should write a literature review which demonstrates how they have evaluated which literature to select for the task, including justifications for the literature selected.

Use this knowledge to design a scientific standard operating procedure (SOP) and related risk assessment (RA) that could be used to determine whether the new technique would offer an improvement over current process.

Select key information that will be needed to write the SOP and to interpret the results, for example:

- information that would help to inform the methods, techniques and equipment used
- how results are determined
- the results expected
- safety considerations

Comment on the quality and reliability of the information used.

Reference any sources of information.

Evidence produced by students for the assignments will be sent to NCFE for marking. Assessment judgements, including overall judgement of the performance required at each of the grade boundaries, will be made by NCFE and results released to the provider at the appropriate time.

Assignment 2

Perform two experimental techniques relevant to an occupational setting that will be assessed in terms of the student's ability to competently, accurately and safely perform the technical task to acquire the necessary data.

Evidence produced by students for the assignments will be marked by providers and moderated by NCFE. Providers should produce video or photographic evidence of students completing the tasks alongside their own observation records and students' written evidence.

Assignment 3

Review a given set of experimental data/records to identify potential errors in either samples/equipment or usage of equipment by an operator. Identify the factors that could be contributing to any errors and suggest process improvements to rectify and prevent any errors identified.

Assignments are broken down into tasks where necessary. The assignments, tasks and associated guidance for students and tutors show how the assignments are expected to be delivered.

Evidence produced by students for the assignments will be sent to NCFE for marking. Assessment judgements, including overall judgement of the performance required at each of the grade boundaries, will be made by NCFE and results released to the provider at the appropriate time.

Assignment coverage

See the table at the end of this provider guide document which shows how the PO content is covered by the assignments and tasks.

Controls

There is a requirement for work completed under supervised conditions to be collected and securely stored, for controls in place to ensure that providers do not release materials to their students until the appropriate time (and that when they do release materials, they are retrieved as appropriate), and for tasks designed in ways that minimise any advantage students might gain by having prior knowledge of what they entail.

Where the occupational specialism assessments allow for research requiring the use of the internet, students must reference the sources in their work.

Marks available

Marks available for each assignment are detailed below.

Assignment		Raw marks	% weighting
1	Perform a literature review and develop a new SOP and RA to investigate a possible process improvement	102 marks	47.9%
2	Perform an experimental task relevant to an occupational setting	70 marks	32.9%
3	Assess a given set of scientific data to identify potential sources of error in the data and suggest improvements to rectify these errors	41 marks	19.2%
Total		213 marks	100%

Assignment timings

Assignment 1 consists of 3 tasks:

- task 1 involves a literature review in which students will be assessed on their ability to extract relevant information from literature within a searchable database given to providers – task 1 is allocated 3 hours
- the literature review will then be used by the student to support their development of task 2, designing a scientific task in an unfamiliar context and selecting appropriate equipment to complete a theoretical scientific practical – task 2 is allocated 3 hours
- task 3 will involve developing a risk assessment that would be followed alongside the student's scientific practical – task 3 is allocated 1 hour

To allow providers to plan for this, and to allow NCFE to arrange moderation visits, assignment 1 will be available to the provider from the start of delivery. A submission deadline for the evidence for assignment 2 will be set for each academic year to allow NCFE to carry out moderation and awarding before the release of results in the August of that year.

Assignment 2 consists of 2 practical tasks in which students will be assessed on their ability to safely and effectively carry out a given technique. Assignment 2 is allocated 6 hours in total, split across a part A and part B, 3 hours for each. It will be assessed by direct observation, video recording / photographs and through the student's written record from the practical activity. Assessors will be required to observe each student while completing their practical task.

This assignment will be released on a particular date each year for delivery over a set window. These dates will be set to allow providers time to plan the delivery of the assignments. Evidence for assignment 2 must be returned to NCFE for marking after completion.

For assignment 3, providers and students will be provided with a dataset and scenario in which the student is expected to identify potential sources of error in the dataset and suggest the origins of any errors, as well as suggesting methods for rectifying and preventing these errors in the future. Assignment 3 is allocated 3 hours.

Assignment 3 will be assessed via the student's written records and will be released on a particular date each year for delivery across a defined assessment window (for example, 1 week). These dates will be set to allow providers time to plan the delivery of the assignments.

All evidence created, generated, and recorded for these assignments is subject to data protection rules, and information should be anonymised to protect the rights of individuals, where relevant.

Assignment specific guidance

Required material

The provided material (including a searchable database of literature) will be sent to providers ahead of the assessment window. Providers must issue the provided material to their students upon commencement of task 1.

Students are not allowed to bring outside research or any other unauthorised materials into the supervised environment.

Assignment 1: perform a literature review and develop a new SOP and RA to investigate a possible process improvement

This assignment is to be completed under supervised conditions over a period of 7 hours, split into 3 tasks, of duration 3 hours, 3 hours, and 1 hour respectively. The assignment will be completed during a week-long assessment window. The 1-week assessment window will be specified by NCFE.

Providers may schedule supervised rest breaks during the tasks. Any rest breaks must be supervised, and students must not have access to any resources during this time. In addition, assessment materials must be kept securely and must not be removed from the supervised environment.

Providers must ensure that during each separate task, students have access to the provided searchable database of literature. Students also should have access to relevant material such as the pro-forma sheet provided for developing their RA for Task 3.

Resources required include access to the internet for the purpose of accessing the literature sources/links provided. Privacy mode should be disabled and policies applied to prevent deletion of browsing history.

Students are required to sign declarations of authenticity to confirm that all of the work they complete during the supervised assessment is their own. Students must be made aware of the importance of this declaration and the impact this could have on their overall grade if malpractice was to be identified. Providers must also ensure that the students' work is authenticated by the tutor before it is submitted to NCFE for marking. The declaration forms are available on the NCFE website.

The assignment is a formal external assessment and must be conducted with reference to the instructions on the front of the assignment booklet, as well as the regulations for the conduct of external assessment and qualification specific instructions for delivery (QSID) documents, which should be accessed from the NCFE Website to ensure they are the most up-to-date versions.

Providers are not allowed to give any support or guidance to students during the supervised time.

Students must ensure that all materials can be identified as their own work.

Assignment 2: experimental practical assessments, part A and part B

Each part of this assignment must be completed under supervised conditions during an assessment window specified by NCFE. Providers will be given preliminary materials and details of the assignment ahead of the assessment window. The tasks will be something that will be achievable using standard laboratory equipment that should be available to providers as part of their delivery of the qualification.

Providers must ensure that their entire cohort of students completes the 3 hours for each part of this assignment in the same sessions. Task A is 3 hours and Task B is 3 hours; totalling 6 hours altogether.

Providers may schedule supervised rest breaks during the 3 hours. Any rest breaks must be supervised, and students must not have access to any resources during this time. In addition, assessment materials must be kept securely and must not be removed from the supervised environment.

Providers must ensure that during the supervised assessment, students have access to the required personal protective equipment, laboratory equipment and reagents necessary to complete the tasks.

Students must not have access to the internet and must not bring anything into the supervised environment.

Students are required to sign declarations of authenticity to confirm that all the work they complete during the supervised assessment is their own. Students must be made aware of the importance of this declaration and the impact this could have on their overall grade if malpractice was to be identified. Providers must also ensure that the students' work is authenticated by the tutor before it is submitted to NCFE for marking. The declaration forms are available on the NCFE website.

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Providers are not allowed to give any support or guidance to students during the supervised time, unless the students are operating in a manner which may endanger themselves or others. If this is required, this aspect of performance will be reflected in the mark scheme.

Students must ensure that all materials can be identified as their own work.

Space the students out evenly at a distance where it is not feasible for them to see other students' work in detail. Exam conditions should be followed during the assignment, and students should turn over their paper when leaving the workstation.

Part A

Each student will need one standard bench space area to carry out the experiment. The students will need to be distributed around the lab without any issues.

Around 15 students will be able to be assessed at one time. The observation checklist provided will aid the assessor in assigning marks, with many of the observations being able to be performed at any point or continuously across the room. However, an assessment of the student's ability to perform the technique correctly will be able to be observed by the assessor, and students will not be required to be observed throughout the whole procedure.

Additionally, where there are multiple repeated steps, that the protocol requires repeating in the same manner with different sources only one of these would need to be observed by the assessor to be confident that the whole procedure has been performed correctly.

Equipment for task 1(a)	Quantity per student	Special considerations
Frosted microscope slides	10	
Forceps	1	
Sink with tap	1	Allow sharing if resource is limited.
Slide stain rack	1	Allow sharing if resource is limited.
Microscope	1	Where equipment is limited, students may share equipment, however, the focusing must be carried out by each student.
Immersion oil	1	Allow sharing if resource is limited.
Microscope wipes		
Slide labels/pencil		
Sterile inoculating loops		
Sterile distilled water		
Bunsen burner or hot plate		Allow sharing if resource is limited.
Pre-prepared bacterial agar plate containing colonies		Allow sharing if resource is limited.

Equipment for task 1(a)	Quantity per student	Special considerations
<p>Gram staining reagents to include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • distilled water in bottle • crystal violet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ solution A for crystal violet staining reagent crystal violet (certified 90% dye content), 2g ethanol, 95% (vol/vol), 20ml ○ solution B for crystal violet staining reagent Ammonium oxalate, 0.8g Distilled water, 80ml ○ mix A and B to obtain crystal violet staining reagent; store for 24 hours and filter through paper prior to use. • Gram iodine solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ iodine, 1.0g ○ potassium iodide, 2.0g ○ distilled water, 300ml ○ grind the iodine and potassium iodide in a mortar and add water slowly with continuous grinding until the iodine is dissolved, store in amber bottles • Gram's differentiator (need safe store as this is flammable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ethanol, 95% (vol/vol). • safranin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ stock solution: 2.5g safranin O, 100ml 95% ethanol ○ working solution: 10 ml stock solution, 90ml distilled water 		<p>Allow sharing if resource is limited.</p>
<p>Pasteur pipettes (larger volume for Gram staining if not using a bottle with pourer lid or squeeze bottle)</p>		
<p>Personal protective equipment</p>	<p>1 set per student.</p>	

Part B

Each student will need one standard bench space area in order to carry out the experiment. As such, the students will be distributed around the lab without any issues. However, it is likely that only a limited number of spectrophotometers will be available, and these pieces of equipment need to be used repeatedly at set time points. This may result in a queue of students that will need to be managed. In order to allow for each cuvette to be read around 5 minutes may be needed for each student at each time point, therefore time needs to be factored in to allow the students waiting to be able to complete their measurements.

Around 15 students will be able to be assessed at one time. The observation checklist provided will aid the assessor in assigning marks, with the majority of the observations being able to be performed at any point or continuously across the room. Additionally, there are multiple repeated steps (recording the absorbance for different samples at set time points) that the protocol requires repeating in the same manner, so only one of these would need to be observed by the assessor to be confident that the whole procedure has been performed correctly.

Equipment for task 1(b)	Quantity	Special considerations
0.5mg/ml Nitrocefin standard	1ml	
Beta-lactamase enzyme standard (10 units/ml)	2ml	
Lysed bacterial sample in 1ml 1x PBS	1ml	Bacterial sample to have been lysed and resuspended prior to task.
Cuvettes	8	
Colorimeter	1	Allow sharing of equipment if number is limited.
Pipettes and tips	1000µl and 200µl pipette with relevant tips	Allow sharing of equipment if number is limited.
Personal protective equipment	1 set per student	

Information for assessors

Setting up the assessment

Before the task

The assessor must:

- remind the student that all health and safety procedures must be followed during the assessment (the student may see the checklist below)
- ask the student to locate all relevant safety equipment and emergency procedures specific to the laboratory where the task is taking place

Safety checklist

The student:

<input type="checkbox"/>	can locate all relevant safety equipment and emergency procedures specific to the individual laboratory
<input type="checkbox"/>	used appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly and effectively throughout the practical procedure (for example, laboratory coat fastened, splash-proof eye protection and gloves worn correctly at all times)
<input type="checkbox"/>	followed all appropriate safety guidelines and procedures when handling materials, disposing of waste materials and during clean-up of any spills
<input type="checkbox"/>	cleaned up the bench and work surfaces satisfactorily at the end of the task

After the task

The assessor must complete an observation checklist, given in the mark scheme, to show the allocation of marks against student practice.

In the event that a student performs a task in an unsafe manner, the assessor may stop the assessment, and the student will not be able to complete the assessment at this time.

Please note that in the event of one minor incident where the assessor can see that there is no immediate safety concern, and where the assessor can intervene, the assessor may provide a prompt to the student.

An example of this would be if a student lifts their goggles onto their forehead in order to see a pipette reading more clearly, and then forgets momentarily to place the goggles back over their eyes. The assessor should not stop the assessment in this instance and may remind the student to put their goggles back over their eyes. They should inform the student that if they make the same error again, they would need to stop the assessment.

Assignment 3: assess a given set of scientific data to identify potential sources of error in the data and suggest improvements to rectify these errors

This assignment must be completed under supervised conditions over a period of 3 hours during a week-long assessment window. The 1-week assessment window will be specified by NCFE. Providers will be given the necessary datasets ahead of the assessment window.

Providers must ensure that their entire cohort of students completes the 3 hours for this assignment on the same day.

Providers may schedule supervised rest breaks during the 3 hours. Any rest breaks must be supervised, and students must not have access to any resources during this time. In addition, assessment materials must be kept securely and must not be removed from the supervised environment.

Providers must ensure that during the supervised assessment, students have access to the LIMS system provided with data sets for assignment 3, as well as the literature database for Task 5.

Students must not have access to the internet and must not bring anything into the supervised environment.

Students are required to sign declarations of authenticity to confirm that all the work they complete during the supervised assessment is their own. Students must be made aware of the importance of this declaration and the impact this could have on their overall grade if malpractice was to be identified. Providers must also ensure that the students' work is authenticated by the tutor before it is submitted to NCFE for marking. The declaration forms are available on the NCFE website.

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Assignment coverage

Assignment 1: perform a literature review and develop a new SOP and RA to investigate a possible process improvement

K1.1 How health, safety and environmental practices are applied when performing scientific techniques

K1.3 The principles of the 'Universal Ethical Code for Scientists 2007' and how it affects ethical practices in a laboratory setting

K1.48 The factors to consider when choosing between a range of scientific techniques

K1.67 The purpose and importance of SOPs within a laboratory environment

K2.1 How the following considerations inform the planning of laboratory procedures:

- developing a specific hypothesis, where appropriate for a scientific task:
 - translating the client objectives into the hypothesis
 - identifying the most appropriate techniques for a scientific task

K2.2 How to undertake literature searches and use scientific papers to plan scientific tasks

K2.3 The principles of laboratory method validation when planning scientific tasks

K2.4 The principles of laboratory equipment validation when planning scientific tasks

K2.5 The difference between concrete and abstract modelling techniques:

- concrete: a trial task prior to planning
- abstract: planning on paper or using computer simulations

K2.7 How to establish the validity of results against standards and controls

S1.69 Comply with relevant health and safety legislation and regulations, including COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) and biosafety containment levels, when handling and disposing of solids, liquids, and gases relevant for the scientific technique being performed

S1.70 Complete a risk assessment to minimise potential hazards and risks when performing a scientific technique:

- step 1 – identifying the hazards, taking account of warning symbols and using model risk assessments:
 - chemical (for example, compressed gases, cleaning agents)
 - biological (for example, biological samples)
 - physical (for example, repetitive tasks, noise levels)
- step 2 – assessing the risks:
 - how likely is the scientific technique to go wrong?
 - who might be harmed?
 - what could be the consequences?
- step 3 – evaluating the risks and selecting control measures:
 - identifying alternate or safer methods than those proposed (for example, using a different concentration of chemicals)
 - identifying the appropriate PPE to use

- step 4 – recording findings, following the risk assessment, and amending the control measures as necessary:
 - in a clear and unambiguous way
 - using technical language correctly
 - organising the findings logically and coherently
 - using the appropriate vocabulary, spelling, and grammar
- step 5 – reviewing risk assessment and modifying method where required

S1.71 Use appropriate PPE when performing scientific tasks (for example, suitable eye protection and gloves)

S2.15 Design a scientific task to address particular hypothesis, taking into consideration a range of factors

S2.16 Perform a literature review to extract relevant information to support the planning of a scientific task

S2.17 Apply knowledge of scientific techniques to an unfamiliar context when planning a scientific task

Assignment 2: experimental practical assessment

K1.1 How health, safety and environmental practices are applied when performing scientific techniques:

- safely performing the procedure
- completing the procedure:
 - safely disposing of materials, in line with COSHH:
 - biohazards (for example, micro-organism cultures)

K1.47 When scientific and mathematical skills are applied when performing a range of completing scientific techniques:

- measuring:
- manual dexterity
- observing
- analysing

K1.52 When it is appropriate to use the following laboratory techniques:

- microbiology techniques:
 - differential staining to identify microorganisms (for example, Gram staining to identify Gram negative or Gram positive)

K1.63 The principles of producing reliable and verifiable results:

- recording in a clear and unambiguous way (for example, the use of tables, indelible ink, not using sticky notes or loose papers, ensuring that writing is legible)
- using appropriate units, notation, and correct number of significant figures

K1.67 The purpose and importance of SOPs within the laboratory environment

K2.6 How the following considerations inform data processing and subsequent analysis of the results in a laboratory environment:

- regulatory requirements (for example, validation, conformity to known analytical standards)
- relevant calculations (for example, magnification and R_f values)

- conversion of units (for example, consistent use of units across different data sets)
- appropriate statistical techniques to determine the validity or significance of the results (for example, standard deviation, p value, uncertainty values)
- customer requirements for the presentation of data (for example, graphs)
- using complementary experimental methodologies from existing peer-reviewed studies to confirm results (for example, by the use of online databases)
- using laboratory control charts and trend charts (for example, to confirm equipment and/or protocols are within tolerance)

S1.68 Work safely in a laboratory when performing specific scientific techniques

S1.69 Comply with relevant health and safety legislation and regulations, including COSHH and biosafety containment levels, when handling and disposing of solids, liquids, and gases relevant for the scientific technique being performed

S1.71 Use appropriate PPE when performing scientific tasks, for example, suitable eye protection and gloves

S1.75 Apply a range of science and mathematical skills when performing practical scientific techniques

S1.77 Use the following practical scientific techniques to analyse substances:

- preparation of serial dilutions

S1.78 Use the following practical scientific techniques to analyse environments and identify microorganisms within biological environments:

- differential staining techniques

S1.81 Use appropriate international system of units (SI) and be able to work with a range of appropriate scales when conducting scientific tasks

S1.84 Select appropriate equipment to complete practical scientific techniques:

- light microscope
- heating apparatus

S1.85 Demonstrate practical technical competence in the use of equipment:

- taking accurate measurements
- correctly manipulating the equipment
- using equipment safely and for intended purpose

S1.87 Produce data from scientific techniques, which are reliable and verifiable, by:

- recording data and records in a clear and unambiguous way:
 - organising ideas logically and coherently
- critically reviewing data obtained and repeating investigations where appropriate

S2.20 Select appropriate statistical techniques to analyse and interpret results from scientific tasks:

- mean
- standard deviation
- Chi-square test
- t-test

S2.22 Use the results of calculations and statistical analysis to interpret and evaluate data from scientific tasks to:

- determine trends
- assess statistical validity
- support technical arguments
- draw conclusions
- communicate effectively to a range of stakeholders

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Assignment 3: assess a given set of scientific data to identify potential sources of error in the data and suggest improvements to rectify these errors

K1.47 When scientific and mathematical skills are applied when performing a range of scientific techniques:

- analysing:
 - trend charts
 - calculations
 - statistical analysis
- evaluating:
 - evaluating the success of the scientific method

K2.6 How the following considerations inform data processing and subsequent analysis of the results in a laboratory environment:

- appropriate statistical techniques to determine the validity or significance of the results (for example, standard deviation, p value, uncertainty values)

K3.3 The factors that can contribute to data errors (random or systematic) in a laboratory contamination of samples or equipment

- incorrect sample storage
- working outside acceptable tolerances
- incorrect laboratory equipment used (for example, using the wrong sized pipette)
- inadequate training (for example, use of the equipment or procedure)
- equipment incorrectly set up, calibrated or used
- method not followed, for example, standard operating procedure not followed
- transcription errors
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S2.20 Select appropriate statistical techniques to analyse and interpret results from scientific tasks

S2.21 Process results, using statistical software

S2.22 Use the results of calculations and statistical analysis to interpret and evaluate data from scientific tasks to:

- determine trends
- assess statistical validity
- support technical arguments
- draw conclusions
- communicate effectively to a range of stakeholders

S2.23 Present data in an appropriate format:

- using appropriate statistical techniques, including the use of data from laboratory information management systems (LIMS)
- in a clear and unambiguous way, taking into account the level and experience of the audience and the purpose

- using technical language correctly and using graphics and other tools to aid understanding
- using digital technology competently and confidently to produce, design and create charts and graphs:
 - line graphs
 - pie charts
 - bar chart
 - results tables
 - histogram
- organising data logically and coherently

S2.24 Use relevant information from online databases to review scientific tasks

S2.26 Source expert help, when required, in relation to laboratory data processing and analysis by:

- accurately describing the issue
- summing up key points
- expressing opinions and supporting these with relevant and persuasive arguments
- asking and responding to questions for clarification

S2.28 Review and modify a scientific method to improve the task

S3.10 Recognise when equipment is likely to be damaged or cause injury due to malfunction

S3.13 Identify when a random or systematic error has occurred in scientific tasks:

- gathering and interpreting data efficiently and in an appropriate format (for example, chart or graph)
- comparing results against previous data

S3.14 Address non-routine problems with samples and instrumentation in a scientific task:

- identify the error
- quantify the error to determine if this is within accepted tolerance
- remove or minimise the sources of error
- record the source of error and the action taken

Performance outcome (PO) grids

Assignment 1

Task	PO1	PO2	PO3	Total
1	0	28	0	28
2	10	48	0	58
3	0	16	0	16
Total marks	10	92	0	102
% weighting	10%	90%	0%	100%

Assignment 2 Part A

Task	PO1	PO2	PO3	Total
1(a)	23	0	0	23
1(b)	12	0	0	12
Total marks	35	0	0	35
% weighting	100%	0%	0%	100%

Assignment 2 Part B

Task	PO1	PO2	PO3	Total
1(a)	23	0	0	23
1(b)	12	0	0	12
Total marks	35	0	0	35
% weighting	100%	0%	0%	100%

Assignment 3

Task	PO1	PO2	PO3	Total
1	0	0	8	8
2	0	0	6	6
3	0	0	8	8
4	0	0	11	8
5	0	0	8	11
Total marks	0	0	41	41
% weighting	0%	0%	100%	100%

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