**Criterion A: Knowing and understanding**

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| **Achievement level** | **Descriptor** |
| 0 | The student does not reach a standard identified by any of the descriptors below. |
| 1-2 | The student is able to:   1. **state** scientific knowledge 2. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to **suggest solutions** to problems set in **familiar situations** 3. **interpret** information to make **judgments**. |
| 3-4 | The student is able to:   1. **outline** scientific knowledge 2. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to **solve problems** set in **familiar situations** 3. **interpret** information to make **scientifically** **supported** **judgments**. |
| 5-6 | The student is able to:   1. **describe** scientific knowledge 2. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to **solve problems** set in **familiar situations** and **suggest solutions** to problems set in **unfamiliar situations** 3. **analyse** information to make **scientifically** **supported** **judgments**. |
| 7-8 | The student is able to:   1. **explain** scientific knowledge 2. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to **solve problems** set in **familiar and unfamiliar situations** 3. **analyse** and **evaluate** information to make **scientifically** **supported** **judgments**. |

**Criterion B: Inquiring and designing**

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| **Achievement level** | **Descriptor** |
| 0 | The student does not reach a standard identified by any of the descriptors below. |
| 1-2 | The student is able to:   1. **state** a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation 2. **outline** a testable hypothesis 3. **outline** the variables 4. **design** a method, with **limited success**. |
| 3-4 | The student is able to:   1. **outline** a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation 2. **formulate** a testable hypothesis **using scientific reasoning** 3. **outline** how to manipulate the variables, and **outline** how **relevant data** will be collected 4. design a **safe method** in which he or she **selects materials and equipment**. |
| 5-6 | The student is able to:   1. **describe** a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation 2. **formulate and explain** a testable hypothesis **using scientific reasoning** 3. **describe** how to manipulate the variables, and **describe** how **sufficient, relevant data** will be collected 4. design a **complete and safe method** in which he or she selects **appropriate materials and equipment**. |
| 7-8 | The student is able to:   1. **explain** a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation 2. **formulate and explain** a testable hypothesis **using correct scientific reasoning** 3. **explain** how to manipulate the variables, and **explain** how **sufficient, relevant data** will be collected 4. design a **logical,** **complete and safe method** in which he or she selects **appropriate materials and equipment**. |

**Criterion C: Processing and evaluating**

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| **Achievement level** | **Descriptor** |
| 0 | The student does not reach a standard identified by any of the descriptors below. |
| 1-2 | The student is able to:   1. **collect and present** data in numerical and/or visual forms 2. **interpret** data 3. **state** the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of a scientific investigation 4. **state** the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation 5. **state** improvements or extensions to the method. |
| 3-4 | The student is able to:   1. **correctly collect and present** data in numerical and/or visual forms 2. **accurately interpret** data and **explain** results 3. **outline** the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of a scientific investigation 4. **outline** the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation 5. **outline** improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation. |
| 5-6 | The student is able to:   1. **correctly collect, organize and present** data in numerical and/or visual forms 2. **accurately interpret** data and **explain** results **using scientific reasoning** 3. **discuss** the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of a scientific investigation 4. **discuss** the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation 5. **describe** improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation. |
| 7-8 | The student is able to:   1. **correctly collect, organize, transform and present** data in numerical and/or visual forms 2. **accurately interpret** data and **explain** results **using correct scientific reasoning** 3. **evaluate** the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of a scientific investigation 4. **evaluate** the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation 5. **explain** improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation. |

**Criterion D: Reflecting on the impacts of science**

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| **Achievement level** | **Descriptor** |
| 0 | The student does not reach a standard identified by any of the descriptors below. |
| 1-2 | The student is able to:   1. **outline** the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue 2. **outline** the implications of using science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor 3. **apply** scientific language to communicate understanding but does so **with limited success** 4. document sources, **with limited success**. |
| 3-4 | The student is able to:   1. **summarize** the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue 2. **describe** the implications of using science and its application to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor 3. **sometimes apply** scientific language to communicate understanding 4. **sometimes** document sources correctly. |
| 5-6 | The student is able to:   1. **describe** the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue 2. **discuss** the implications of using science and its application to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor 3. **usually apply** scientific language to communicate understanding clearly and precisely 4. **usually** document sources correctly. |
| 7-8 | The student is able to:   1. **explain** the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue 2. **discuss and evaluate** the implications of using science and its application to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor 3. **consistently apply** scientific language to communicate understanding **clearly and precisely** 4. document sources **completely**. |