

CAMBRIDGE IGCSE

Agriculture 0600

Assessment Overview

Examinations 2027 and 2028

How the qualification is assessed

The table shows the papers and components described for this syllabus. All candidates take the required components described below. A component's raw mark is the total available on that assessment; its weighting is the share of the qualification result, which may differ from its share of raw marks.

Paper or component	Duration	Raw marks	Weighting	Question or task structure
1: Theory	1 h 45 min	100	70%	Section A compulsory; two of five extended questions in B
2: Practical Coursework	During the course	90	30%	At least four practical exercises plus an individual investigation

Read the weighting against your qualification route. A longer paper or a larger raw-mark total does not automatically mean a greater final weighting. Prepare for every component that applies to you, including practical, oral or coursework requirements where specified.

What each component requires

Assessment develops three main abilities: agricultural knowledge and understanding, handling information and solving problems, and carrying out practical work and investigations.

Paper 1 is a theory examination lasting one hour and forty-five minutes. It carries 100 marks and contributes 70 per cent of the qualification.

Section A carries 70 marks and contains compulsory short-answer and structured questions. In Section B, you answer two extended structured questions from a choice of five. Each selected question is worth 15 marks. The paper covers the full subject content and is externally assessed.

Component 2 is Practical Coursework. It carries 90 marks and contributes 30 per cent of the qualification.

You complete at least four practical exercises during the course. The best four are assessed, with each worth 15 marks, giving a total of 60 marks. These activities assess responsibility, initiative, practical technique, perseverance and the quality of your work.

You also complete an individual practical investigation worth 30 marks. You will develop a hypothesis, plan and conduct the investigation, collect and analyse data, draw conclusions and evaluate its limitations. The final report must not exceed 1,000 words.

The coursework is assessed by your teacher and externally moderated by Cambridge. Final grades range from A star to G.

Preparing the right kind of response

For numerical answers, show a clear method and units. For data questions, distinguish a description of the results from an explanation using scientific ideas. In investigation questions, identify variables, measurement methods and specific improvements. A general statement such as "make it more accurate" needs an explanation of how.

The assessment objectives are visible in the response itself: relevant knowledge, appropriate use of the stimulus or task, a clear method or explanation, and a conclusion where requested. The command word and mark allocation help show the depth required. An answer should respond to the actual question, not reproduce a memorised passage that only partly fits.

Timing and examination arrangements

Begin preparation with accurate, untimed work, then move towards the duration and conditions of your required component. Use mark allocations to guide pacing while allowing time to read instructions and check the response. Any practice pacing advice is study guidance, not a new Cambridge time rule.

Examinations are available in the November series. However, Agriculture 0600 is not offered in every administrative zone, so you should confirm its availability for your location. Private candidates cannot enter for this syllabus because practical coursework must be completed and assessed through an approved centre.

An approved examination centre confirms entries, available component options, deadlines and any practical or speaking arrangements. Preparation-course access does not itself constitute an examination entry. An approved centre must provide practical coursework supervision, assessment and authentication. Private entry is unavailable.

Key pointers: Know your required components, follow question choices precisely and practise the relevant response formats. **Next:** Open **Learning Resources** to see which materials support this preparation.