

IDAT for IB – Critical Thinking and Global Knowledge Curriculum

Critical Thinking Curriculum

STAGE	AGE SKILL CODE		OUTCOMES		
5-6	Assumption	CT1.1	Student can determine if a statement is an assumption or fact based on evidence presented.		
	Inferences	CT1.2	Student can assess whether knowledge if sufficient and reliable.		
Interpretation CT1.3 Student can conclude meaning of processed information		Student can conclude meaning of processed information			
	Deduction	CT1.4	Student can follow one or more factual statements through to a logical conclusion		
	Evaluation of Argument	CT1.5	Student can determine value of arguments based upon quality, point of view and evidence presented.		
	Critical Analysis	CT2.1	Student can analyse sources and content presented to know value, point of view or quality.		
	Critical Reflection	CT2.2	Student can determine personal bias and use logical and abstract information to explain own opinion.		
	Critical Expression	CT2.3	Student has mastery of language to present own thoughts and ideas effectively for age/stage of study.		



Logic Outcomes

Stage	Code	Outcome	
5	L1.1	visualise, describe and analyse the way shapes and objects are combined and positioned in the environment for different purposes	
	L1.2	evaluate financial plans to support specific financial goals	
	L1.3	use 12- and 24-hour systems within a multiple timezone to solve time problems, use large and small timescales in complex contexts and place historical and scientific events on an extended timescale	
	L1.4	Logic questions, using nonsense words that prove truths based on statements	
6	L1.1	Logic questions using up to five variables elements	
	L1.2	Using word order and logic to deduce meaning of nonsense words	
	L1.3	Using probability and problem solving to work out logical word problems	



Science Outcomes

Outcome		Topics/Context suggestions			
3.1	Explains how food and fibre are produced sustainably in managed environments for health and nutrition.				
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of sustainable food supplies, farming practices and a nutritional diet. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand the importance of local food sources, responsible farming & transportation practices to reduce carbon emissions, and the importance of a diet that minimizes unhealthy additives and chemicals.		 Greenhouse gas emissions and your carbon footprint Organic farming practices Processed vs. fresh food 			
3.2	3.2 Explains the effect of heat on the properties and behaviour of materials.				
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of the effect of temperature on matter. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand conservation of mass, temperatures effect on particle motion and density, and their role in determining a substance's state of matter.		 Law of conservation of matter States of matter Particle motion relative to temperature 			
3.3	Explains how energy is transformed from one form to another.				
unders questio	ates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their tanding of the various forms of energy. These will be general knowledge ons to show that students understand common forms of energy such as solar, ght, magnetic, and electric.	 Thermal energy transfer Forms of energy Efficiency of energy transfer (energy loss) 			



Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of how energy is transferred through position and motion. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand the energy of motion through potential and kinetic energy.			Potential energy relative to position Kinetic energy and motion Transfer of potential to kinetic energy
4.1	Investigates a variety of chemical changes.		
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of atoms and how they interact with other elements. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand atomic composition of simple molecules and how to read the periodic table.		- - -	Parts/structure of an atom Information found in the periodic table Atomic number and atomic mass
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of chemical change. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand atomic bonding and the differences in physical and chemical change of a substance.		-	Examples of a physical change Evidence of a chemical change Conservation of matter
4.2	Explores the interactions of living things with each other and the envi	iron	ment.
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of the interactions of living things and their relationships to each other. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand types of interactions like competitive, predatory, and mutually beneficial relationships as well as the role of producers, consumers, and decomposers.		-	Energy cycle (producer, consumer, decomposer) Energy pyramid Classification by food source (herbivore, omnivore, carnivore)
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of how living things interact with their environment. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand various types of ecosystems and habitats and the abiotic factors that influence them, such as rainfall and temperature.		-	Abiotic environmental factors Types of ecosystems Human impact on ecosystems (climate change)



4.3	Identifies features of the Earth.	
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate an understanding of Earth's geological features. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand the composition of the planet, various landforms, and the processes that create them (i.e. plate tectonics, volcanoes, weathering).		 Weathering/erosion Plate Tectonics Volcanoes Earth's structure
5.1	Explains how advances in scientific understanding of processes that of make about resource use and management.	ccur within and on the Earth influence the choices people
unders	dates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of Earth's major cycles. These will be general knowledge questions to that students understand the stages and driving forces of the water cycle, and where they occur on Earth.	 Water cycle Earth's spheres (i.e. geo-, hydro-, atmo-, bio-) Carbon cycle
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of responsible resource use and management. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand human's role in altering natural processes and what actions can be taken to mitigate negative consequences.		 Renewable vs. non-renewable energy Environmental conservation efforts Greenhouse gas emissions and climate change Sustainable living
5.2	Relates the structure and function of living things to their classification	n, survival and reproduction.
unders questio	dates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of the classification of living things. These will be general knowledge ons to show that students understand how the evolution of life from shared cry has led to our current system for how life is classified.	 Evidence of evolution Taxonomy Evolution of the Linnean classification system
	dates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of how the characteristics of various life forms have allowed for their	Genetic mutation and evolutionOrganism's fitness/survival (adaptation)



survival. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand the factors that may limit a population in an environment and the role mutation plays in adaptation.		-	Population dynamics (i.e. carrying capacity, limiting resources)
5.3	Applies models, theories, and laws to explain situations involving ene	ergy,	force, and motion.
knowled can ind magne Candid unders to show	lates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of the changes and transfer of energy. These will be general edge questions to show that students understand that system components clude thermal energy, kinetic energy, and/or the energies in gravitational, etic, or electric fields. Idates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of forces and interactions. These will be general knowledge questions we that students understand the theories of force and motion through en's laws of motion and Coulomb's Law to predict forces between objects.	- - -	Types of energy and their factors Potential Energy = mgh Kinetic Energy = 1/2 m v² Efficiency of energy transfer systems Laws of thermodynamics Coulomb's law of magnetism Newton's laws of motion Newton's Momentum Conservation Principle
6.1	Develop knowledge and understanding of the structure and function heredity and genetic technologies.	of o	rganisms and develop knowledge and understanding of
unders knowle	lates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of cellular structure and function of organisms. These will be general edge questions to show that students understand the various components ages of cellular reproduction, including the central dogma of molecular y.		Central dogma of molecular biology Components of genetic transfer Translation vs. Transcription
unders	dates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of the structures and systems of organisms. These will be general edge questions to show that students understand the hierarchical	-	Role of basic human systems (Circulatory, respiratory, digestive, nervous, muscular, endocrine) Types of organic molecules (carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids) Cellular respiration



_	ration of interacting systems that provide specific functions within ellular organisms, including types of organic molecules.		
6.2	Develop knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of chemi equilibrium and acid reactions.	stry	and develop knowledge and understanding of
unders These v	ates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their tanding of the fundamentals of chemistry and chemical reaction systems. will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand major of chemical reactions, their reactants and products, and what reactions will passed on the outermost electron states of atoms.		Types of bonds (ionic vs. covalent) Stoichiometry Types of reactions (i.e. displacement, synthesis, decomposition, combustion)
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of acids and bases. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand the components and characteristics of the acid-base (neutralization) reaction.		- - -	Strong vs. weak acids and bases Reactants acid-base reactions Products of acid-base reactions
6.3	Develop knowledge and understanding of advanced mechanics and e	lect	romagnetism.
unders questic	ates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their tanding of the electromagnetic spectrum. These will be general knowledge ons to show that students understand the parts of a wave and how they ce the energy of that wave.	- - -	Parts of wave Energy of a wave Electromagnetic spectrum
unders knowle	ates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their tanding of quantum mechanics and special relativity. These will be general edge questions to show that students understand key concepts such as the of light, photoelectric effect, and subatomic physics principles.		Subatomic particles Behaviour of photons (i.e. photoelectric Effect) Wave-particle duality



Technology Outcomes

Outco	me	Topics/Context suggestions		
3.1	To understand characteristics and properties of a range of materials, the impact of their use.	systems, components, tools, and equipment and evaluate		
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of how technology tools are used to visually communicate data and information. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand basic data tables and simple graphs like bar, line, and pie.		 Types of graphs (line, bar, pie) Reading data tables Labelling graphs 		
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of different features of user interfaces that allow people to access information regardless of culture or language. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand consistent icon and symbol design and placement to reduce frustration for users.		 Examples of user interface Common icon use (i.e. exit, zoom, download, volume, power off, reload) 		
3.2	To understand the value of sources and reliability of information on t usage.	he internet. To be able to protect privacy in computer		
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of the reliability of information they find online. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand characteristics of reliable information sources, including types of domain names.		 Types of domains How to check reliable sources Common sources that you should or shouldn't cite 		
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of common best practices for online safety and privacy, and the creation of their digital footprint. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand how to access multiple personal accounts and explain possible risks such as password re-use, phishing, and malware.		 Parts of a digital footprint Characteristics of a secure password Online security concerns (i.e. phishing, malware) 		



4.1 To identify the legal obligations regarding the ownership and use of	digital products and apply some referencing conventions.		
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of ownership and use of digital products. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand referencing conventions and basic citation.	Importance of referencesPlagiarismWhen to reference a website		
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of use of information found online. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand basic citation via the use of quotation marks.	When to use citationsHow to cite a source using quotes		
4.2 To use ICT effectively to record ideas, represent thinking and plan solutions.			
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of word processors and their use in recording and communicating ideas. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand basic functions of a word processor, including recognizing common icons, familiarization with the tool bar, and some basic formatting functions.	 Common examples of word processors Word processor shared tool bar features Formatting tools (i.e. font size, paragraph alignment, bullets) 		
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of various file types and their purpose. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand common files they will work with, such as .pdf, .jpeg, .doc, and mp3.	 Names of different file types What different file types are used for 		
To identify and value the rights to identity, privacy and emotional safety for themselves and others when using ICT and apply generally accepted social protocols when using ICT to collaborate with local and global communities			
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of the rights to identity, privacy and safety when using technology. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand tools	What is a VPNWhat is a firewallExamples of access control		



	cect your privacy and information, including the use of firewalls, vpns, and control.		
unders be gen tools a diverse	lates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of tools to collaborate with local and global communities. These will leveral knowledge questions to show that students understand emerging digital and advanced features to create and communicate interactive content for a equipment and accessibility tools and features like read aloud, zoom, captions, and alt text.	 Assistive technology Examples of software accessibility features Equal access and accessibility requirements online 	
5.2	To use appropriate ICT to collaboratively generate ideas and develop	plans.	
unders questic	lates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of modern tools for collaboration. These will be general knowledge ons to show that students understand cloud technology and its benefits, as common cloud services.	 What is cloud computing Examples of common cloud services Uses of the cloud 	
Candidates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their understanding of modern tools for collaboration. These will be general knowledge questions to show that students understand general best practices and functions of video conferencing solutions (like Microsoft Teams and Zoom).		 Common examples of video conferencing solutions Features of video conferencing software (i.e. share screen, mute, chat) Best practices when using video conferencing 	
To explain how technology products and services are used to find modern solutions with consideration of preferred futures and the impact of emerging technologies on design decisions, as well as the understanding of the interrelationship of design, technology, society, and the environment.			
unders	lates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of the role of technology in the interrelationship of society, industry e environment. These will be general knowledge questions to show that	Microchip usesArtificial intelligenceAutomation of manufacturing	



Candid unders enviror show t	ats understand emerging technologies and the impact they have on modern ch as automation, artificial intelligence, and microchips. Itates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of how products and services have changed to address nmental and cultural concerns. These will be general knowledge questions to hat students understand the environmental impact of increased technology well as the process to find modern solutions (design criteria).		Environmental impact of technology Using technology to solve real-world problems Design criteria for finding solutions
unders increas genera	To understand the characteristics and uses of traditional and emerging evolution in creating access to complex digital solutions, multimodal audiences and purposes. Idates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of how technology has been modified as a solution to meet the sed computing and network demands of emerging technologies. These will be all knowledge questions to show that students understand the evolution of the sed computing power and the factors that impact their speed.		
Candid unders digital show t	lates will answer multiple-choice questions to demonstrate their standing of the primary software and hardware components of common systems and their function. These will be general knowledge questions to hat students understand hardware components (e.g. memory, CPU, rboard, hard drive), as well as basics of the software that runs them.	-	Identification of hardware components and their purpose Common software and programs Basic coding (algorithm, binary)