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Year 3 Criterion A: Knowing and Understanding

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard indicated by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student is able to: i. recall scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to suggest solutions to problems set in familiar situations iii. apply information to make judgments .
3–4	The student is able to: i. state scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar situations iii. apply information to make scientifically supported judgments .
5–6	The student is able to: i. outline scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar situations and suggest solutions to problems set in unfamiliar situations iii. interpret information to make scientifically supported judgments .
7–8	The student is able to: i. describe scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar and unfamiliar situations iii. analyse information to make scientifically supported judgments .

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Year 3 Criterion B: Inquiring and Designing

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1–2	The student is able to: i. state a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation, with limited success ii. state a testable hypothesis iii. state the variables iv. design a method, with limited success .
3–4	The student is able to: i. state a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. outline a testable hypothesis using scientific reasoning iii. outline how to manipulate the variables, and state how relevant data will be collected iv. design a safe method in which he or she selects materials and equipment .
5–6	The student is able to: i. outline a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. outline and explain a testable hypothesis using scientific reasoning iii. outline how to manipulate the variables, and outline how sufficient, relevant data will be collected iv. design a complete and safe method in which he or she selects appropriate materials and equipment .
7–8	The student is able to: i. describe a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. outline and explain a testable hypothesis using correct scientific reasoning iii. describe how to manipulate the variables, and describe how sufficient, relevant data will be collected iv. design a logical, complete and safe method in which he or she selects appropriate materials and equipment .

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Year 3 Criterion C: Processing and Evaluating

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1–2	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> collect and present data in numerical and/or visual forms accurately interpret data state the validity of a hypothesis with limited reference to a scientific investigation state the validity of the method with limited reference to a scientific investigation state limited improvements or extensions to the method.
3–4	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> correctly collect and present data in numerical and/or visual forms accurately interpret data and describe results state the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of a scientific investigation state the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation state improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.
5–6	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> correctly collect, organize and present data in numerical and/or visual forms accurately interpret data and describe results using scientific reasoning outline the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of a scientific investigation outline the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation outline improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.
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7–8	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> correctly collect, organize, transform and present data in numerical and/or visual forms accurately interpret data and describe results using correct scientific reasoning discuss the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of a scientific investigation discuss the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation describe improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.

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Year 3 Criterion D: Reflecting on the Impacts of Science

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0	The student does not reach a standard identified by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> state the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue state the implications of the use of science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor apply scientific language to communicate understanding but does so with limited success document sources, with limited success.
3–4	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> outline the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue outline the implications of using science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor sometimes apply scientific language to communicate understanding sometimes document sources correctly.
5–6	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> summarize the ways in which science is applied and used to address a specific problem or issue describe the implications of using science and its application to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor usually apply scientific language to communicate understanding clearly and precisely usually document sources correctly.

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7–8	The student is able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> describe the ways in which science is applied and used to address a specific problem or issue discuss and analyse the implications of using science and its application to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor consistently apply scientific language to communicate understanding clearly and precisely document sources completely.

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