



## PRACTICAL EXAMS

Description	What to do .....
<b>1. What are they?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practical exams test students' practical skills and techniques usually in laboratory, clinical or field settings.</li><li>• They can be administered individually, in pairs or small groups.</li></ul>
<b>2. Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• These types of performance exams require you to demonstrate your skills, capabilities and knowledge in a practical or field setting.</li><li>• You will be better placed to perform well in a practical exam if you can report your methodology and observations accurately.</li></ul>
<b>3. Preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify the key procedures performed during the practical classes, write down summaries of the methods, and make sure you are able to repeat them.</li><li>• Ensure that you understand the theory of the subject content and its different applications.</li><li>• Rehearse your skills – preparation and practise will help to perfect actions.</li><li>• Find out as much as you can about the setting for the exam, and plan responses or activities for possible questions or tasks set.</li></ul>
<b>4. Taking the exam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remain calm and confident.</li><li>• If you have prepared well you will have developed the necessary skills and understandings required.</li><li>• Use the reading time to plan an efficient schedule for completing the tasks required.</li><li>• Divide your time and energy according to the weighting of tasks.</li><li>• Be sure to schedule some exam time to answer the questions asked, especially if you are asked to describe the method used and report the observations.</li></ul>