BIOLOGY CONSTRUCTED-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SCORING GUIDELINES

3 Points

• The response demonstrates a thorough understanding of the scientific content, concepts, and/or procedures required by the task(s).
• The response provides a clear, complete, and correct response as required by the task(s). The response may contain a minor blemish or omission in work or explanation that does not detract from demonstrating a thorough understanding.

2 Points

• The response demonstrates a partial understanding of the scientific content, concepts, and/or procedures required by the task(s).
• The response is somewhat correct with partial understanding of the required scientific content, concepts, and/or procedures demonstrated and/or explained. The response may contain some work that is incomplete or unclear.

1 Point

• The response demonstrates a minimal understanding of the scientific content, concepts, and/or procedures required by the task(s).
• The response is somewhat correct with minimal understanding of the required scientific content, concepts, and/or procedures demonstrated and/or explained. The response may contain some work that is incomplete or unclear.

0 Points

• The response provides insufficient evidence to demonstrate any understanding of the scientific content, concepts, and/or procedures as required by the task(s).
• The response may show only information copied or rephrased from the question or insufficient correct information to receive a score of 1.