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A Level Biology B (Advancing Biology)

H422/02 Scientific literacy in biology

Advance Notice Article – Teacher Instructions

To prepare candidates for the examination taken on
Friday 12 June 2026 – Morning



GUIDANCE NOTES

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