

# Exam Report

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**Module Code/Title: PHIS1005/Introduction to Astronomy and Space Science**

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*Feedback comments:*

The final, average score for this exam was around 49%, about 6 point percentage higher than last year (considering the mark previous to rescaling). In this respect, the result has been encouraging, signalling a positive increasing trend in time. Nevertheless, the mark is still on the low side, and the rate of failures has been around 20%, on the high side I would say.

As explained in the general report "PHYS1005.doc", I took care during the course to provide the students with very frequent in-class demonstrations of how to solve key exercises useful for the exam. The latter was very well perceived by the students! In order to improve the final marks, I aim to take action in multiple ways. First, I will allow for test exercises at a more appropriate level for first-year, first-semester students. Evidently, the exercises proposed so far were tuned to a more experienced cohort of students. Second, I will change the format of the exercises for the final exam most probably to computer-based ones, which seem to be of more practical use and better in line with students' preferences. Lastly, besides continuing discussing exercises in class, I will provide the students with more frequent formative assessments along the course, though still not sure about their format.

Note that all of the above changes will be applied to the new module that is now under construction.