

LONDON EXAMINATIONS GCE / GCSE / IGCSE

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS GCE / IGCSE

General Information 2010 – 2011

1. INTRODUCTION

Examination	Full Names	Targets	Levels
GCE	General Certificate of Education Examinations	International candidates	O-level (Nepali and Urdu only) AS/A – level
IGCSE	International General Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations	International candidates	Single level
GCSE	General Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations	Mainly UK candidates	Single level

2. RECOGNITION AND EQUIVALENCE OF GCE / GCSE / IGCSE

- a. Grade E or above in all HKALE A-level and AS-level subjects is recognized as equivalent to an A-level pass and an AS-level pass respectively in a British International GCE.
- b. Grade C or above in most HKCEE subjects is recognized as the equivalence of an O-level pass in a British International GCE.
- c. Given below is an equivalence table between HKCEE 2007 language subjects (i.e. English Language and Chinese Language) and British IGCSE:

HKCEE levels	5*	5	4	3
IGCSE grades	A*	A	B	C

- d. British GCSE, IGCSE and International GCE O-level are internationally recognized as being equivalent in standard in principle.
- e. In general, it is for individual users of qualifications to define their own threshold levels of performance for admission/recruitment purposes. As far as the HKEAA is concerned, for the purpose of meeting the HKALE entry requirements, a grade D or above in GCE O-level/GCSE/IGCSE is considered as satisfying the corresponding subject result requirement at grade E/Level 2 in the HKCEE subjects.

3. EXAMINATION BODIES

The HKEAA administers GCE, IGCSE and GCSE on behalf of two UK awarding bodies:

Examination	Awarding Board	Website
London Examinations, GCE/GCSE/IGCSE	Edexcel International	www.edexcel.com
University of Cambridge International Examinations, GCE/IGCSE	University of Cambridge International Examinations	www.cie.org.uk

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

No entry requirement is needed.

5. REGISTRATION

(A) SCHOOL CANDIDATES

School candidates should submit their entry forms through their school heads. Schools wishing to present candidates for the GCE/GCSE/IGCSE examinations must be a registered school with the Education Bureau. Schools may write to the HKEAA to apply for becoming a GCE/GCSE/IGCSE participating school. A copy of the registration certificate issued by the Education Bureau should be attached to the application.

Registration details will be sent to all GCE/GCSE/IGCSE participating schools before the scheduled registration period.

(B) PRIVATE CANDIDATES

Private candidates should submit their entry forms to the HKEAA. Registration in person will take place at Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, San Po Kong Office, 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon. About one week before the postal registration period, the Entry Form and the “Notes for Persons Entering for the Examination” will be available at the Authority’s web-site (www.hkeaa.edu.hk) and the following offices:

San Po Kong Office : 3/F, 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon
(Registration & Distribution of Entry forms)

Wanchai Office : 12/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong
(Distribution of Entry forms **ONLY**)

(C) REGISTRATION PERIOD

Examination	Examination Date	Registration Period		
		School candidate (through school)	Private candidate	
			By Post	In Person
London Examinations, GCE AS/AL	May/June 2010	9 – 15 December 2009	23 Nov – 5 Dec 2009	9 – 15 December 2009
	Jan/Feb 2011	Early September 2010	Late August 2010	Early September 2010
London Examinations, GCE O-level (Urdu only)	May/June 2010	9 – 15 December 2009	23 Nov – 5 Dec 2009	9 – 15 December 2009
London Examinations, GCSE (Chinese only)	May/June 2010	2 – 8 December 2009	23 – 28 November 2009	2 – 8 December 2009
London Examinations, IGCSE	May/June 2010	2 – 8 December 2009	23 – 28 November 2009	2 – 8 December 2009
	Oct/Nov 2010	N/A	Late June 2010	Early July 2010
University of Cambridge International Examinations, GCE O-level (Nepali only), GCE AS/AL	May/June 2010	2 – 8 December 2009	23 – 28 November 2009	2 – 8 December 2009
	Oct/Nov 2010	N/A	Late June 2010	Early July 2010
University of Cambridge International Examinations, IGCSE	May/June 2010	2 – 8 December 2009	23 – 28 November 2009	2 – 8 December 2009
	Oct/Nov 2010	N/A	Late June 2010	Early July 2010

6. SYLLABUSES/PAST QUESTION PAPERS

Copies of the Syllabuses and Past Question Papers for the GCE/IGCSE Examination are available for purchase at the Publications Unit, Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, G/F, 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon. Syllabuses are also available on the awarding bodies’ websites.

7. ENQUIRIES

Telephone No. : 3628 8761 / 3628 8787
Facsimile No. : 3628 8790
E-mail Address : ie3@hkeaa.edu.hk

Website : http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/ipe/gce_gcse_igcse/

8. RANGE OF SUBJECTS OFFERED THROUGH THE HKEAA

The HKEAA only administers the subjects in GCE, IGCSE and GCSE which have a general demand in Hong Kong.

LONDON EXAMINATIONS – GCE A/AS LEVEL

Subject	January	May/Jun
A-Level only:		
Law		✓
AS-Level and A-Level:		
Accounting	✓	✓
Arabic		✓
Biology	✓	✓
Business Studies	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓
Chinese		✓
Economics	✓	✓
General Studies	✓	✓
Geography	✓	✓
Government & Politics	✓	✓
Greek		✓
Japanese		✓
Mathematics	✓	✓
Further Mathematics	✓	✓
Pure Mathematics	✓	✓
Physics	✓	✓

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS – GCE A/AS LEVEL

Subject	May/Jun	Oct/Nov
A-Level only:		
Accounting	✓	✓
Business Studies	✓	✓
Chinese		✓
Economics	✓	✓
Geography	✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓
Further Mathematics	✓	✓
Psychology	✓	✓
Sociology	✓	✓
AS-Level only:		
English Language	✓	✓

LONDON EXAMINATIONS – GCSE / IGCSE / GCE O-LEVEL

The HKEAA currently administers the GCE O-level Urdu, GCSE Chinese (1666) and IGCSE examinations.

From September 2009, Edexcel has introduced the new GCSE Chinese (2009 specifications) and IGCSE (2009 specifications) to replace the current GCSE Chinese, GCE O-level Urdu and IGCSE. The first examinations of the new GCSE Chinese (2009 specifications) and IGCSE (2009 specifications) will take place in **May/June 2011**. Meanwhile, the final examinations of the current GCSE Chinese, GCE O-level Urdu and IGCSE will take place in **2010**.

Subject	LAST OFFER IN 2010				FIRST OFFER IN 2011		
	Current GCSE	Current IGCSE		GCE O-Level	New GCSE (2009 spec.)	New IGCSE (2009 spec.) ^{note 1}	
	May/Jun 2010	May/Jun 2010	Oct/Nov 2010	May/Jun 2010	May/Jun 2011	May/Jun 2011	January 2012
Accounting		✓	✓			✓	✓
Arabic (First Language)		✓	✓			✓	
Art & Design : Fine Art		✓				✓	
Art & Design : Graphic Design		✓				✓	
Art & Design : Photography		✓				✓	
Art & Design : Textiles		✓				✓	
Biology		✓	✓			✓	✓
Human Biology						✓	✓
Business Studies		✓	✓			✓	
Chemistry		✓	✓			✓	✓
Chinese	✓				✓ ^{note 2}	✓	
Commerce		✓	✓			✓	✓
Economics		✓	✓			✓	✓
English Language		✓	✓			✓	✓
English as a Second Language		✓	✓			✓	
English Literature		✓	✓			✓	✓
French		✓	✓			✓	
Geography		✓	✓			✓	
German		✓	✓			✓	
History		✓	✓			✓	
Mathematics		✓	✓			✓	✓
Further Pure Mathematics						✓	✓
Physics		✓	✓			✓	✓
Religious Studies		✓	✓			✓	
Science (Double Award)		✓	✓			✓	✓
Spanish		✓	✓			✓	
Urdu				✓		✓	

Note:

- 1 The new IGCSE (2009 specifications) examinations will be conducted in May/June and January annually.
- 2 The new GCSE Chinese (2009 specifications) examination involves coursework and internal assessment, and therefore will only be offered to **candidates of schools which have registered with Edexcel as a HKEAA sub-centre**. Schools which are interested in becoming a HKEAA sub-centre should contact HKEAA at 3628 8761 and submit the registration application **no later than August 2010**.

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS – IGCSE / GCE O-LEVEL

Subject	IGCSE		GCE O-level
	May/Jun	Oct/Nov	May/Jun
Accounting	✓	✓	
Biology	✓	✓	
Business Studies	✓	✓	
Chemistry	✓	✓	
Chinese (First Language)	✓		
Economics	✓	✓	
English (First Language)	✓	✓	
English as a Second Language	✓	✓	
Environmental Management	✓	✓	
Geography	✓	✓	
Hindi as a Second Language	✓		
History	✓	✓	
Literature (English)	✓	✓	
Mathematics	✓	✓	
Additional Mathematics	✓	✓	
Nepali			✓
Physics	✓	✓	
Religious Studies		✓	
Sociology	✓	✓	

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Edexcel London Examinations

Replacement of current GCSE Chinese, GCE O-level Urdu and IGCSE with new GCSE Chinese (2009 spec.) and IGCSE (2009 spec.)

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The following table shows the changeover:

Exam Series	Current GCSE Chinese 1666	Current GCE O-level Urdu	Current IGCSE	New GCSE Chinese (2009 spec.) ^{note}	New IGCSE (2009 spec.) Including Urdu
May/June 2010	Last Examination	Last Examination	Examination	---	---
November 2010	---	---	Last Examination	---	---
May/June 2011	---	---	---	First Examination	First Examination

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Available subjects of the new IGCSE (2009 specification) via HKEAA include:

New IGCSE (2009 spec.): Accounting, Arabic as First Language, Art & Design, Biology, Human Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Chinese, Commerce, Economics, English as a Second Language, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, German, History, Mathematics, Further Pure Mathematics, Physics, Religious Studies, Science (Double Award), Spanish, Urdu

More information regarding the changeover, specifications and sample assessment materials are available on Edexcel's website at:

New GCSE Chinese (2009 specifications):

www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse09/mfl/chinese/Pages/default.aspx

New IGCSE (2009 specifications):

www.edexcel.com/quals/igcse/igcse09/Pages/default.aspx

Detailed information regarding the registration will be announced separately. For enquiries, please contact the International and Professional Examinations Division at tel.: 3628 8761 (press 2#1119 to speak to staff).