HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY
PEARSON EDXCEL
INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE) – MAY / JUNE 2020
NOTES FOR PERSONS ENTERING FOR THE EXAMINATIONS

Please read and ensure that you have understood Notice for Candidates Regarding the Edexcel International GCSE 9-1 Grading Scale Change and Letter for Disruption to the Taking of Examinations due to Adverse Weather issued by the Examination Board attached before completing the entry form. The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) cannot be held responsible for incorrect entries.

1. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: No specific requirements.

2. SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

School Candidates

Candiates are strongly advised to submit their registration online (online.hkeaa.edu.hk) during the registration period. They should first obtain the school code through their school heads. They should upload the image of their valid Hong Kong Identity Cards or other identification documents and settle the payment online. Examination fees must be settled on or before 6 December 2019 (5:30 p.m.) for candidates using online registration only. Alternatively, candidates may submit their registration completed by entry forms through their school heads. Those candidates who wish to apply for subsidised examination fees for taking the IGCSE Chinese Examinations MUST submit their registration in paper copies instead of online. The in-person registration deadline for school candidates is 5 December 2019.

Private Candidates

(a) Online Registration

Candidates are strongly advised to submit their registration online (online.hkeaa.edu.hk) during the registration period. They should upload the image of their valid Hong Kong Identity Cards or other identification documents for checking at the time of registration. Examination fees must be settled online on or before 6 December 2019 (5:30 p.m.).

(b) Registration In-person (or through a representative)

Candidates may submit their completed entry forms in-person or by a representative. They should show and bring along a photocopy of their valid Hong Kong Identity Cards or other identification documents for checking at the time of registration. If the completed entry form is submitted by a representative, the representative should also bring along a photocopy of the candidate’s valid Hong Kong Identity Card or other identification document for checking which will be destroyed after the examinations are concluded. Please refer to the table below for the registration schedule.

(c) Registration by Post

Candidates should mark “Edexcel IGCSE” on the envelope when sending the completed entry form to the HKEAA by post. You should also enclose a photocopy of your valid Hong Kong Identity Card or other identification document (which will be destroyed after the examinations are concluded) and a stamped and self-addressed return envelope so that the demand note for examination payment can be sent to you for settlement. Cheques or cash must NOT be enclosed with the entry form. The entry form should reach the HKEAA during the following postal registration period. If the demand note is not received before 29 November 2019, you must contact the HKEAA at 3628 8761 / 3628 8787 and register in-person before the registration closing date. Please ensure that sufficient postage is paid to avoid unsuccessful delivery. The sender will bear any consequences arising from not paying sufficient postage. The HKEAA cannot accept responsibility for entries forms or other documents lost in the post. To safeguard against any possible loss or delay in mail, candidates are advised to send their entries by post in good time.

3. EXAMINATION FEES

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<td>Group A Subjects</td>
<td>$1,595</td>
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<td>(Accounting, Business, Commerce, Economics, English Language (Specification A or B), English as a Second Language, English Literature, History, Religious Studies, Arabic (First Language), Greek (First Language), Tamil, Mathematics (Specification A or B), Further Pure Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Human Biology)</td>
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<td>Group B Subjects</td>
<td>$3,015</td>
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<td>(Chinese, French, German and Spanish)</td>
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<td>Group C Subjects</td>
<td>$2,945</td>
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<td>(Science (Double Award))</td>
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For registration in-person (or through a representative), a demand note will be issued at the time of registration. For postal registration, a demand note will be sent to the candidate by mail as detailed in (2c). Payment may be made at any Hang Seng Bank branch or through Automated Teller Machine (ATM). Detailed payment instructions are printed on the reverse side of the demand note. Candidates who do not submit their registration online are strongly recommended to settle the examination fees through ATM in order to facilitate further processing.

Fees must be paid on or before the date printed on the Demand Note (6 December 2019) for candidates who registered by post or in-person only. Candidates should keep their original receipts as evidence of payment. If payment of examination fees is not made by that date, entries are accepted at the discretion of the HKEAA and a supplementary fee in addition to the examination fees will be levied. Fees paid by a candidate who subsequently withdraws his / her entry, or is absent from the examination, or whose entry is later cancelled will NOT be refunded. Fees are NOT transferable from one examination to another / a later one or for other purposes.

If paying by cheque, candidate should write the demand number at the back of the cheque.

4. PUBLICATIONS AND PAST QUESTION PAPERS

The syllabuses, marking schemes and past question papers may be downloaded from the website: https://qualifications.pearson.com. Past question papers are also available for sale at the Publications Unit, HKEAA, G/F, 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon. Please read the syllabuses CAREFULLY before making entries.

5. SUBJECTS

Candidate must check the requirements and conditions of entry for various subjects and keep themselves abreast of the latest changes on the Edexcel website (https://qualifications.pearson.com). Candidates may contact the Examination Board at Tel: 3181 0100. Email: pac.international@pearson.com if necessary. No refund or adjustments to the candidate’s examination schedule will be made as a result of entries which do not comply with the information on the Edexcel website. The following is a convenient highlight for reference only.

(a) All subjects to be offered the new 9 – 1 Grading Scale. For details, please refer to Edexcel International GCSE 9-1 Grading Scale Change Notice.

(b) Candidates entering for 45D Science (Double Award) must not enter for the 4B1 Biology, 4CH1 Chemistry and 4PH1 Physics in the same examinations series.

(c) 4MA1 Mathematics (Spec. A) is a two-tiered qualification. Candidates should enter at either Foundation Tier or Higher Tier. Questions in the Foundation Tier papers are targeted at grades in the range 5 to 1 whereas grades 9 to 4 for the Higher Tier papers.

(d) Candidates entering 4CN1 Chinese (Cantonese) will be examined for Paper 1 and Paper 3 in Cantonese. Candidates entering 4CN1 Chinese (Mandarin) will be examined for Paper 1 and Paper 3 in Mandarin.

(e) For 4CN1 Chinese, 4FR1 French, 4GN1 German and 4SP1 Spanish Paper 3 Speaking Test will take place in late March to mid-April 2020 on weekdays, weekends or public holidays subject to the candidate, availability of examination venues and teacher examiners. Speaking Test will be audio-recorded as per examination regulation. The notification of the examination dates, time and venues will be sent to private candidates by post or school candidates through their participating schools / organizations in mid-March 2020.

(f) Coursework and practical assessment of IGCSE subjects will not be offered to candidates.

6. ENTRIES

(a) Dual Entries: The first entry form for an examination series submitted by a candidate is considered as the final entry of the candidate. A candidate must not submit more than one entry in the same examination series whether for the same or for different subjects. Dual entries will lead to cancellation without prior notice. No refund of the examination fees will be made for the cancelled entries.

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<td>International and Professional Examinations Division Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority San Po Kong Office</td>
<td>21 November 2019 (8:30 a.m.) to 6 December 2019 (5:30 p.m.)</td>
<td>21 to 28 November 2019</td>
<td>29 November to 5 December 2019 Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Without Lunch Break)</td>
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<td>3/F, 17 Tseuk Luk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon</td>
<td>Enquiries: Tel. 3628 8761 / 3628 8787 or Fax. 3628 8790</td>
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(b) Late Entry: Application for late entry should be submitted to the HKEAA on or before 20 January 2020. If the application is accepted, a supplementary fee in addition to the examination fees will be levied for each entry. No late entries will be accepted after 20 January 2020. Online Registration system for late entries will be suspended from 5:30 pm, 31 December 2019 — 31 January 2020.

(c) Addition / Change of Subjects: Once the first entry form for an examination series has been submitted, it is considered as the final entry of the candidate. Candidates are not permitted to make any changes to their entries. Application for addition / change of subjects should be submitted to the HKEAA on or before 20 January 2020. If the application is accepted, a supplementary fee in addition to the examination fees will be levied for each entry. No addition / change of subjects will be accepted after 20 January 2020. It is the candidates’ responsibility to ensure any addition / change of subjects will not result in timetable clash.

(d) Withdrawal: Candidates must submit written request to the HKEAA. Approval of withdrawal is at the discretion of the Examination Board. Once withdrawal of subjects is processed, it cannot be revoked. No refund of the examination fees will be made for the withdrawn subjects. Candidates are not allowed to sit any examination(s) already withdrawn. 

7. PERSONAL DATA
Personal data of candidates are used by the HKEAA and the Examination Board for delivery of examination and assessment services. Wherever you provide the requested personal data, the data is voluntary. However, if you fail to provide all the data, or if any of the data are inaccurate or incomplete, the HKEAA may not be able to accept your entry or provide all or part of the examination and assessment services. The personal data submitted may also be used for:

(a) assisting tertiary institutions and other government / public organizations in their admissions processes;
(b) assisting tertiary institutions and other government / public organizations in respect of their requests for information in granting scholarships;
(c) assisting tertiary institutions and other government / public organizations to confirm the candidates’ eligibility for financial assistance or other forms of subsidisation, in which case, the necessary personal data of the candidates may have to be disclosed to the concerned organizations for verification;
(d) certifying candidates’ examination results in response to legitimate requests;
(e) processing any refund or payment in relation to the examination;
(f) conducting and assisting tertiary institutions and other government / public organizations to conduct educational research and analysis;
(g) conducting educational research and analysis in an anonymous format in which the identities of the candidates are not traceable; and

(h) marketing the services and products of the Examination Board (including examination services, courses, events, publications, and other examination materials or resources) subject to the consent of the candidates.*

The HKEAA may also transfer the personal data of candidates to third parties for use for the above purpose or other directly related purposes, including but not limited to data processing, data analysis; certifying candidates’ examination results in response to legitimate requests; assisting tertiary institutions and other government / public organizations providing various administrative or technical services to facilitate the delivery of the examination and assessment services including but not limited to data punching, registration process, dispatch of examination documents, and the capture, disposal or other processing of data.

In compliance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, access to all personal data will be made available, on payment of a fee, to anyone who can establish his / her right to be informed of such data as are retained by the HKEAA. Please also note that candidates’ personal data / correspondence / other information received by the HKEAA may be referred to the Examination Board concerned for delivery of examination and assessment services and for any of the above mentioned purposes or other directly related purposes. In general, upon completion of an examination or examination series and all the connecting examination services, the HKEAA will transfer all such data to the Examination Board who will then assume full control of such data. By then, candidates should approach the Examination Board direct for their personal data / information handling policies if necessary.

*If you have given consent but wish to withdraw your consent for your personal data to be used for this purpose, please send a letter of request to the HKEAA.

8. TIMETABLE
A timetable showing the subjects available in HKEAA is attached. It is the candidates’ responsibility to check carefully the relevant examination timetables (including GCE / IAL / IGCSE / LE) before submitting entries so as to avoid timetable clashes among subjects entered and prohibited combination of subjects. Special arrangements are charged services. Normally, no special arrangements will be made under such circumstances. Candidates who wish to sit more than one examination session on the same day are advised to check and ensure that there is sufficient break time (e.g. two hours) between examination sessions for travelling and taking rest. These examinations may be held at different examination centres required travelling. Candidates will be required to cancel the subjects affected. Examination fees paid for subjects that are cancelled are NOT refundable and NOT transferable from one examination to another or from one candidate to another.

9. CANDIDATE ENTRY INFORMATION CHECKLIST
The Candidate Entry Information Checklist will be sent to private candidates by post or school candidates through their participating schools / organizations in early February 2020. Candidates should check if the information, which will be used for the examination arrangements and certification of results, is correct. If amendments are required, they are advised to inform the HKEAA in writing before mid-February 2020. Candidates who have not received their Candidate Entry Information Checklist in mid-February 2020 MUST contact their participating schools / organizations or the HKEAA.

10. ADMISSION FORM
Admission Forms will be sent to private candidates by post or school candidates through their participating schools / organizations. Candidates who have not received their admission forms two weeks before the commencing date of the examination MUST contact their participating schools / organizations or the HKEAA. The examination venue, date and local starting time for each examination will be indicated on the Admission Form. Assignment of examination venue is based on the candidate's choice of the papers, availability and capacity of the venues. Examination of different papers / durations may be held in the same examination venue. Request for change of examination venue will not be accepted normally unless under very extreme circumstances.

11. RESULTS AND CERTIFICATES
The results will be available around late August 2020. Candidate Statements of Provisional Results will be sent to private candidates by post or school candidates through their participating schools / organizations. Candidates who have not received their results by the end of August 2020 MUST contact their participating schools / organizations or the HKEAA. Candidates may apply for the Reviews of Marking and Moderation (RoMM) services in accordance with the procedures, fees and deadlines to be announced after the results day. The certificates, if applicable, will be available around November 2020 which will be sent to private candidates by post or school candidates through their participating schools / organizations. Candidates who have not received their certificates should contact the HKEAA to track the delivery status within 5 months after mail; otherwise, the certificates will be regarded as successfully received by the candidates. Certificates unclaimed for 5 months after mail will be returned to the Examination Board without further notice. After that, request for lost or unclaimed certificates will have to be made directly with the Examination Board by the candidates as applications for replacement certificates. Fees will be charged by the Examination Board. Candidates should inform the HKEAA in writing of their new address and contact telephone number if their address has been changed. The HKEAA cannot accept the responsibility for any possible loss, delay or damage in mail causing the need of requesting for replacement certificates. The HKEAA cannot reproduce certificates in any form.

12. UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES
Please note that neither the Examination Board nor the HKEAA will be responsible for any non-performance of duties where such non-performance has been caused by an act of God, labour strike, natural disaster, adverse weather, government action or intervention, riot, or any cause not reasonably foreseeable and beyond the reasonable control of the Examination Board or the HKEAA. Postponement or cancellation of examinations due to unforeseeable circumstances may not be accepted by the Examination Board, and instead, special consideration may be granted as appropriate. Outcome of the special consideration is entirely subject to the terms and conditions of the related policies of the Examination Board. If candidates are considered as having missed a timetabled component / unit for acceptable reasons by the Examination Board, aegrotat marks (calculated marks based on the candidates’ performance in other papers they have sat) may be issued to eligible candidates*; otherwise, a “zero mark” will be given instead.

*Application and eligibility requirements of special consideration are provided on the website of the Examination Board (https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support). Note: The HKEAA, including their contractors and subcontractors, shall not be liable to anyone claiming for any damage, which are caused by, arising from or otherwise related to the failure of staff members, examination personnel or the examination centres to comply with the examination regulations, policies or procedures.

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KEEP IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE