

2021 GCE O-Level Science Practical Examination

Briefing for Candidates

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Practical Examination Schedule

Day/ Date	Subject	Time
Monday, 4 October	Physics (6091/03)	Shift 1: 7.30 am – 1.00 pm Shift 2: 9.30 am – 1.00 pm Shift 3: 11.30 am – 3.10 pm
Thursday, 7 October	Science (Phy, Chem) (5076/05) Science (Chem, Bio) (5078/05)	Shift 1: 7.30 am – 1.00 pm Shift 2: 9.15 am – 1.00 pm Shift 3: 11.15 am – 2.10 pm Shift 4: 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm*

* Ending time for candidates with AA will be later.



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Practical Examination Schedule

Day/ Date	Subject	Time
Tuesday, 12 October	Biology (6093/03)	Shift 1: 7.30 am – 1.00 pm Shift 2: 9.30 am – 1.00 pm
Thursday, 14 October	Chemistry (6092/03)	Shift 1: 7.30 am – 1.00 pm Shift 2: 9.30 am – 1.00 pm Shift 3: 11.30 am – 3.10 pm*

* Ending time for candidates with AA will be later.



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Covid-19 Precautionary Measures

Do **NOT** report for the exam if you are

- diagnosed with Covid-19,
- on Quarantine Order (QO),
- on Stay-Home Notice (SHN), or
- on Leave of Absence (LOA).

Please inform your Form Teacher and stay at home.



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Covid-19 Precautionary Measures

You may sit for the exam if you are on

- Approved Absence (AA).

Please inform your Form Teacher for **necessary follow-up actions** such as having negative ART/PCR test results.



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Covid-19 Precautionary Measures

- If you are unwell on the day of the exam, e.g. having a fever (38 °C and above) and/or exhibiting flu-like symptoms, do NOT report for the exam.

Please consult a doctor and inform your Form Teacher.



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Covid-19 Precautionary Measures

- Wear a surgical mask at all times.
- You are only allowed to use the “designated” toilets.
- If you are unwell during the exam, please inform the invigilator immediately.



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Instructions for Reporting on Exam Day

- Report at the **Reporting Room** by the stipulated time.
- Follow the instructions of the examination personnel with regards to temperature-taking and collection of electronic devices.
- Late-comers who arrive **after the start of the paper during their shift** are to report to General office for instructions.



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Attire

- Full school uniform or half-uniform, i.e. school shirt / **PE T-shirt** with pants / skirt, and shoes
- Be properly groomed.



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Things to Bring

- Entry Proof (placed in a clear folder)
- **Photo** identification
(i.e. NRIC / Passport / Student Pass / Ezlink Card)
- Document for Access Arrangement (where applicable)
- Sufficient stationery (pen, pencil etc.) in a transparent pencil case. You will **NOT** be allowed to borrow from other candidates.

You are advised **NOT** to use correction tapes/fluids during the exam.



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Things to Bring

- Approved calculators (found in 2021 Exam Rules & Regulations for School Candidates booklet)
- Surgical mask (to be put on at all times unless instructed otherwise)
- A working thermometer
- **Light snack** (for consumption in the Reporting/Quarantine Room before/after the paper)
- Water bottle filled with water



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Unauthorised Items

Do **NOT** bring these items into the exam venue:

- **Phones and electronic devices**, including but not limited to concealed communication devices, miniature wireless receiver, pen set(s) with built in earpiece and wireless communication function, smart watch and fitness trackers, smart glasses

Please note that phones and electronic devices are strictly prohibited during the **entire exam duration**, which includes the reporting time, exam start and end time, and quarantine time.



Exam Venues & Designated Toilets

Reporting Rooms

Block E

E4-11 (Dance Studio)	.....	E4-05	E4-03	toilets
E3-12 (Guzheng Room)	.....		E3-03 (Art Room 2)	toilets
Comp Lab 1	Comp Lab 2	.....		E2-04 (D&T Workshop 2)
E1-06 (D&T Workshop 1)	.....		E1-02 (D&T Studio)	



Exam Venues & Designated Toilets

Quarantine Rooms

Block D

toilets	D4-05	D4-04	D4-03	D4-02	D4-01
toilets	D3-05	D3-04	D3-03	D3-02	D3-01
toilets	D2-05	D2-04	D2-03	D2-02	D2-01
toilets	D1-05	D1-04	D1-03	D1-02	D1-01



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Exam Venues & Designated Toilets

Quarantine Rooms

Block E

E4-11 (Dance Studio)		E4-05	E4-03	toilets
E3-12 (Guzheng Room)	.....			E3-03 (Art Room 2)	toilets
Comp Lab 1	Comp Lab 2	E2-07	E2-06	E2-04 (D&T Workshop 2)	toilets
E1-06 (D&T Workshop 1)	.....			E1-02 (D&T Studio)	



Other Instructions

- Check your **Shift Number, Reporting Time and Venue, Lab Number** and **location of seat** prior to the examination.
- Enter the Science Lab only when you are told to do so.
- Leave your bag outside the lab neatly.
- Once you are seated, place your entry proof and photo identification (**FACE UP**) on the top corner of your desk.





Do **NOT** communicate (e.g. talk or gesture) with other candidates inside or outside the exam venue during the examination.

Inform the exam personnel if you need any assistance.



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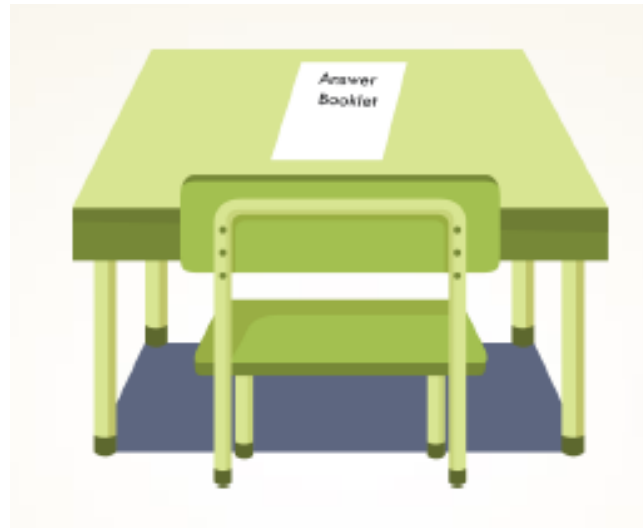


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Examination materials such as used or unused answer booklets and writing papers must **NOT** be removed from the exam room.



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Listen carefully to all announcements given by exam personnel.

Ensure that you **adhere to these instructions** at all times.



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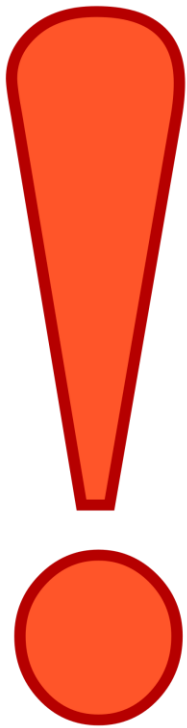
Do **NOT** start writing or opening the question/answer booklet until you are told to do so.

Do **NOT** continue to write after the stop writing announcement has been made.



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If you breach any exam rules and regulations, you may be:

- (a) prohibited from taking the exam,
- (b) expelled from the exam room,
- (c) refused entry for subsequent papers,
- (d) have your results terminated or a grade penalty,
- (e) banned from registering for national exams in future years, and/or
- (f) reported to the police for investigation and consequential prosecution.





After the exam, **follow the instructions** given by the exam personnel to wash and disinfect the apparatus and/or to wipe down apparatus and equipment.

Wipe your working area including the table, chair and/or safety goggles.



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Special Consideration (SC)

If you are unable to sit for the examination or have sat the examination under adverse conditions (e.g. medical reasons, bereavement, physical injuries), you may apply for SC provided:

You have completed **at least 50%** of the component weighting for the affected subject.

You have the **relevant evidence and supporting documents** to support your application (e.g. medical report / statement from a qualified medical practitioner or a death certificate due to bereavement reason).

Similar to 2020, in view of the exceptional circumstances this year due to COVID-19, SC will be considered on a **case by case basis** for candidates **who have not completed at least 50% component weighting** of the total assessment for the affected subject, taking into consideration multiple sources of information including performance in other papers taken for the same subject, and the school-based results.

Special Consideration (SC)

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

You **must inform your school** before the start of the affected examination paper or immediately after the affected examination paper, if you have / would be adversely affected by the event.

You should submit the SC application with relevant evidence and supporting documents through your school not later than 3 working days after the last day of the examination. The deadline is as follows:

- **by 18 November 2021** for GCE O-Level Year-end examination



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Major Disruptions

(e.g. MRT/LRT breakdowns, massive traffic jams, floods)

If you are able to reach your school before the end of your paper

1a

Inform your school immediately and go to your school

1b

You will be given the full duration to sit the examination

If you are affected by train service disruption



Look out for instructions on bridging transport services OR go to the Passenger Service Centre located in the MRT stations for assistance. You do not need to obtain an excuse letter from the MRT station.



Please inform your Form Teacher or call General Office @ 6443 0563.



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Major Disruptions (e.g. MRT/LRT breakdowns, massive traffic jams, floods)

If you are unable to reach your school before the end of the paper

2a

Inform your school immediately

2b

Go to the nearest exam centre to take the examination

The information can be found in:

1. SEAB website (www.seab.gov.sg)
2. LTA's 'MyTransport' APP
3. SEAB's Advisory Posters at the MRT station

2c

You will be given the full duration to sit the paper if you reach the exam centre before the end of the paper

2d

Inform your school if you arrive after the paper has ended OR are unable to reach a school at all



Please inform your Form Teacher or call General Office @ 6443 0563.



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Any Questions?



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All the best for your Exams!



Please approach Mdm Hazwah if you have any queries.

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