

GCE O-Level Mid-Year Examination 2021

Briefing for Candidates

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1. Examination Timetable (O-Level)

Exam Date	Subject	Paper No	Time
Monday, 31 May 2021	Chinese 1160 Malay 1148 Tamil 1157	Paper 1* Paper 2	0800 – 1000 1100 – 1230
Tuesday, 1 June 2021	Chinese B 1153 Malay B 1151 Tamil B 1152	Paper 1* (e-Exam) Paper 2 (MCQ) (e-Exam)	0800 – 0850 1000 – 1100

*** Use of dictionaries is allowed**

Note: Refer to Annex A1 for detailed exam timetable

REPORTING TIME

31 May and 1 June

0730

2. Covid-19 Precautionary Measures

Important:

- The COVID-19 Precautionary measures are for adherence. As the guidelines would adjust in accordance with the prevailing precautionary measures, it is important that you monitor the news and stay updated on MOH, SEAB and MOE website for information pertaining to the COVID-19 situation in Singapore.
- The school will inform you if there are any further updates to the precautionary measures.



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2. Covid-19 Precautionary Measures

Category	Can candidate take exam?
(1) Confirmed COVID-19 cases	Not allowed given high risk of transmission
(2) Home Quarantine Order (HQO)	
(3) Stay Home Notice (SHN)	
(4) Leave of Absence (Confirmed) [LOA (Confirmed)]	

2. Covid-19 Precautionary Measures

Category	Can candidate take exam?
(5) Leave of Absence (Quarantine Order) [LOA (QO)]	Allowed if tested negative for COVID-19.
(6) Leave of Absence (Stay Home Notice) [LOA (SHN)]	Candidates would have to get a COVID-19 test on their own accord for the mid-year written exam sitting.
(7) Candidates on medical leave due to acute respiratory infection (ARI)	Allowed if tested negative for COVID-19
(7) Candidates on non-ARI medical leave	Allowed if certified medically fit to take exam by doctor
(8) Candidates on Approved Absence (AA)	Allowed

Reporting Venue & Designated Toilets

Block D

MT on 31 May 2021

Block E

toilets	D4-04 4/2	D4-03	D4-02 4/3	D4-01 4/4	Level 4 toilets
toilets	D3-05 4/6	D3-03	D3-02 4/5	D3-01 4/1	Level 3 toilets
toilets	D2-05	D2-03	D2-02	D2-01 5/1	Level 2 toilets
toilets	D1-05 LOA/AA	D1-03	D1-02	D1-01 RC	

Exam Venue & Designated Toilets

Block C

MT on 31 May 2021

Block E

toilets	C4-04 4/2 CL	C4-03	C4-02 4/3 CL	C4-01 4/4 CL	Level 4 toilets
toilets	C3-04 4/1 – 4/4 + 5/1 ML	C3-03	C3-02 4/5, 4/6 CL	C3-01 4/1 CL	Level 3 toilets
toilets	C2-04 4/1-4/4+5/1 TL	C2-03	C2-02 4/5, 4/6 ML + TL	C2-01 5/1 CL	Level 2 toilets
toilets	C1-04 Access Arrange- ment	C1-03	C1-02	C1-01 Contingency Room	

Exam Venue & Designated Toilets

Block D

MT on 31 May

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 LOA/AA	D1-03	D1-02	D1-01 RC

- **LOA/AA – Leave of Absence/Approved Absence**
- **RC - Recovering from Contagious Disease Room**

Exam Venue & Designated Toilets

Block C

MT(B) on 1 June 2021

toilets	C4-04	C4-03	C4-02	C4-01
toilets	C3-05	C3-03	C3-02	C3-01
toilets	C2-05	C2-03 4/5, 4/6 CL (B) and ML (B)	C2-02 4/3, 4/4, 5/1 CL (B)	C2-01 4/1, 4/2 CL (B)
toilets	C1-05 Access Arrangement	C1-03	C1-02 Contingency Room	C1-01

Exam Venue & Designated Toilets

Block D

MT(B) on 1 June 2021

Block E

toilets	D4-04	D4-03	D4-02	D4-01	Level 4 toilets
toilets	D3-05	D3-03	D3-02	D3-01	Level 3 toilets
toilets	D2-05	D2-03	D2-02	D2-01	Level 2 toilets
toilets	D1-05 LOA/AA	D1-03	D1-02	D1-01 RC	

4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THINGS TO BRING

- Thermometer for temperature taking
- TraceTogether Token/App
- Entry Proof
- NRIC/Foreign identification/Student Concession Pass
- Stationery such as black or blue pens/pencils/ruler/eraser (in **transparent** case/holder)
- Approved dictionaries/ Open texts (if permitted)
- You are advised not to use correction tapes/ fluids during the examination.



4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BEFORE YOU ENTER THE EXAMINATION VENUE

If you are wearing an outerwear (e.g. jackets, cardigan, sweater), make sure the outerwear does not contain any unauthorized materials or devices. You may be asked to remove the outerwear for checking.



4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS INTO THE EXAMINATION VENUE

Phones and electronic devices ,including but not limited to:

- Concealed communication devices
- Miniature wireless receiver
- Pense(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 examination duration, which includes the reporting time, examination start time, end time and quarantine time.

Candidates who had brought unauthorized devices into the examination venue must surrender them to the examination personnel immediately.



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4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Listen carefully** to all announcements given by the exam personnel.
- Ensure that you **adhere to these instructions** at all times.



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4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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

Inform the examination personnel if you need any assistance.



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4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

- prohibited from taking the examination;
- expelled from the examination room;
- refused entry for subsequent papers;
- have your results terminated or a grade penalty; and/or
- banned from registering for the examinations in future years.



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4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Read** the instructions **carefully** on the question booklets/ answer booklets/ Personalised Multiple-Choice Answer sheets;
- Do **NOT** start writing or open the question/ answer booklet until you are told to do so;
- Do **NOT** continue to write after the stop writing announcement has been made.

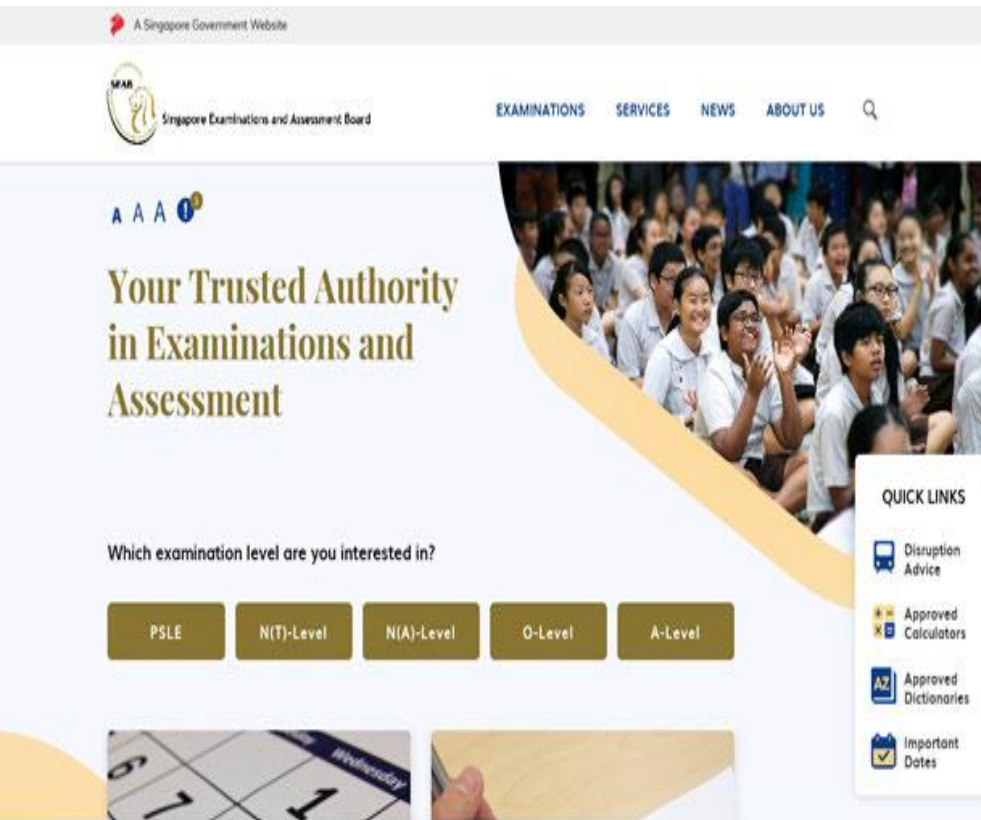


4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Examination materials such as used or unused answer booklets and writing papers must **NOT** be removed from the examination venue.
- Do **NOT** bring dictionaries into examination venues if their use or possession is prohibited.
- You are **NOT** allowed to borrow dictionaries from other candidates during the examination.



4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Refer to **SEAB website** for the list of approved calculators and dictionaries.

Possession of dictionaries or calculators which are not approved will be treated as a breach of examination regulation

List of approved dictionaries:



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4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRINTED DICTIONARIES

Only **monolingual** dictionaries are allowed.

Dictionaries must **NOT** have any annotations or any of the following:

- a. tagging of pages with stickers;
- b. highlighted text; and/ or
- c. written text.



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4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ELECTRONIC DICTIONARIES

- Make sure your e-dictionary is in good working condition. You are encouraged to bring an additional e-dictionary or spare batteries.
- Ear pieces and external storage media (e.g. SD card and plug-in modules) must **NOT** be brought into the examination venue.



4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Special Consideration (SC)

ALL

If you are unable to sit for an 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.



4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 deadlines are as follows:

- **by 26 July 2021** for Mid-Year MTL/MTLB examination

Late submissions or applications with incomplete information or supporting documents would not be processed after the deadline.

4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION (MAJOR DISRUPTIONS)



Major Train Service Disruptions:

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

1. Inform your school immediately and go to your school.
2. 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 produce an excuse letter from MRT station)
3. You will be given the full duration to sit the examination.



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4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION (MAJOR DISRUPTIONS)



Major Train Service Disruptions:

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

1. Inform your school immediately.
2. Go to the nearest exam centre to take the examination. The information can be found in:
 - SEAB website (www.seab.gov.sg)
 - LTA's 'My Transport' APP
 - SEAB's Advisory Posters at the MRT station
3. You will be given the full duration to sit the paper if you reach the exam centre before the end of the paper.
4. Inform your school if you arrive after the paper has ended OR are unable to reach a school at all.



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4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION (MAJOR DISRUPTIONS)

Information for Candidates

- The list of Exam Centres that are near MRT/LRT stations is available at

- ✓ SEAB website
(www.seab.gov.sg)



- LTA's 'MyTransport' APP
(1 week before exam day)

- Each MRT station has a poster with information of nearby Exam Centres.

The poster is from the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB). It features a yellow background with a black header and a red section. The text is as follows:

SEAB Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES TAKING THE SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE EXAMINATIONS

IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR TRAIN SERVICE DISRUPTION

Please report of your exam centre if you are able to reach there before the end of the exam paper. If you arrive at the exam centre before the end of the paper, you will be given the full duration to sit the exam.

If you are unable to reach your exam centre before the end of the paper, you can go to the nearest exam centre and report to the Chief Presiding Examiner.

Nearest Exam Centre

DT 1 Bukit Panjang	For O / N(A) / N(T)-Level: Teck Whye Secondary School Zhenghua Secondary School West Spring Secondary School Green Ridge Secondary School Fajar Secondary School
	For A-Level: Pioneer Junior College Millennia Institute

You can download LTA's MyTransport.SG mobile app and access 'Find-My-Way' module for the list of exam centres.

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5A. ON THE DAY OF EXAMINATION

- If you are not well, e.g. having a fever (38°C and above) or exhibiting flu-like symptoms, inform your Form Teacher and do **NOT** report for examination.
- Follow SMM procedures that are implemented by the school, such as temperature taking, declaration of personal information, health condition before entering the examination venue.



5B. During the Examination

- Place your Entry Proof and NRIC/Foreign Identification documents/Student Concession Card on your desk throughout the examination.
- Please inform an examination personnel **immediately** if you are unwell.



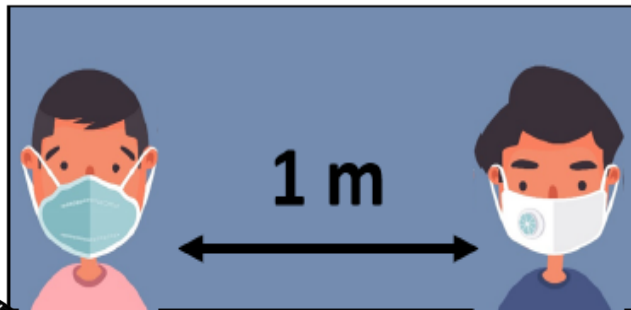
5B. During the Examination

IMPORTANT NOTES

Updated on 17 May 2021

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- Wear a face mask at all times. Use of face shields would not be allowed unless due to medical/special condition.
- Always maintain at least 1 m safe distance from other candidates.
- Do not talk to one other, gather in groups or crowd around any designated area or toilet.
- You are only allowed to use the “designated” toilets. You must observe the safe distancing measures when queuing up for toilets.



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5C. After the Examination

- You will be dismissed at **staggered timings**. Take the designated exit route as directed by the examination personnel when leaving the examination venue.
- You should leave the school and go home **immediately** after dismissal, and not linger around in/outside the school.

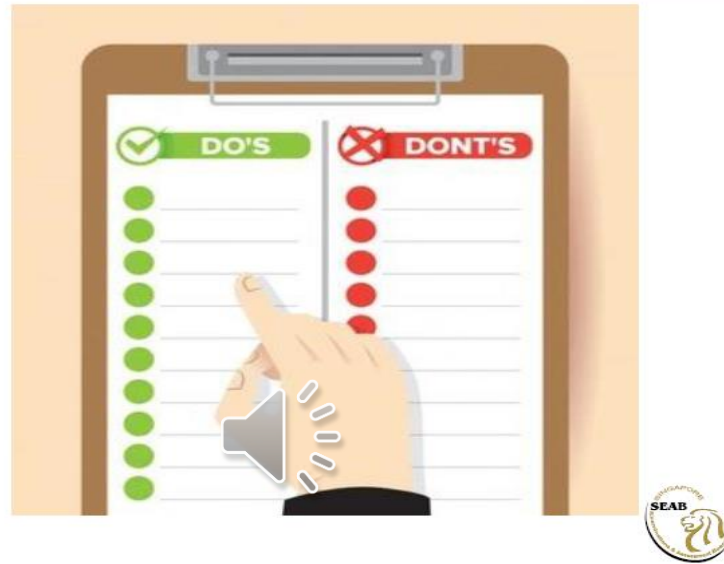


6. REMINDERS (BEFORE EXAMINATION)

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Be familiar with the Examination Procedures

(Refer to *2021 Singapore-Cambridge GCE N(T), N(A), O & A-Level Examination Rules and Regulations for School Candidates* booklet)



1. Read booklet titled “**Exam Rules & Regulations for School Candidates Booklet**” carefully within 2 days of this briefing.
2. Approved Dictionaries
 - Read **Pg. 35 – 38** for details about approved dictionaries



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6. REMINDERS (BEFORE EXAMINATION)

3. Check the **reporting times and examination venues for every paper** carefully within 2 days of this briefing.

4. Check fixed **allocated seat(s)** from corresponding seating plans provided.

5. Be properly attired in your full or half-school uniform, i.e. school shirt / PE T-shirt with pants / skirt, and shoes and check your grooming. You may bring a jacket as the venue may be cold (optional).

6. REMINDERS (BEFORE EXAMINATION)

6. Prepare **light snacks** for consumption **for your break.**

7. **Eat and drink wisely** and have sufficient rest to avoid falling sick.

8. Manage your daily activities to **minimize exposure to COVID-19.**



6. REMINDERS (ON EXAMINATION DAYS)

1. **Report 30 minutes before the start of the exam**
2. Come to school directly.
3. **Maintain safe distancing** at reporting and examination venues and **avoid intermingling**
4. Enter the school compound via the **school main gate**, and be prepared to **show your TraceTogether Token/App**.
5. **Strictly no communication** with peers on the way to or inside the examination venues at all

6. REMINDERS (ON EXAMINATION DAYS)

6. **Listen attentively** to instructions given and **read examination instructions to candidates** carefully.

7. **Strictly no borrowing** of stationery, dictionaries, and examination equipment during the examination.

8. Any **irregularity and malpractice** (e.g. attempt to cheat, possession of unauthorized devices, communication with peers, posting examination materials online) **will be recorded and reported** and a statement may be taken.

9. **No extra time given for latecomers** and a **statement will be taken** by CPE at the end of paper.

6. REMINDERS (AFTER EXAMINATION ENDS)

1. Perform **wipe-down** with solution and paper provided by the invigilators - after each exam - **before leaving the examination venue.**
2. **Dismissal will be staggered.**
3. **Check if there is another paper later in the day** before leaving the examination centre.
4. **Do not post or discuss examination materials or questions online.**
5. Inform your Form Teacher(s), Year Head or the School Counsellor if you **wish to talk to someone** after a paper ends.
6. Do go home immediately after your exam ends.

6. WHO TO CONTACT?

In case of any emergency, contact

- Form Teacher(s)
- General Office at 6443 0563



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Lastly, please stay healthy and do take care, everyone! All the best!

