Examination formats

| **Subject** | **Number of Papers** | **Paper structures** | **Marks for the Papers** | **Duration of papers** |
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| English Language | 2 | Paper 1 is functional writing with two sections. Candidates attempt one item from each section | 40 | I hour 20 minutes |
| Paper 2 assesses areas of summary, comprehension and grammar | 60 | 2 hours |
| Literature in English | 1 | The paper has four sections covering poetry, drama, the novel and prose | 80 | 2 hours |
| Mathematics | 2 | Paper 1 has two sections. All questions are compulsory | 100 | 2 hours |
| Paper 2 is functional Mathematics consisting of six items and a candidate attempts four items | 100 | 2 hours |
| Physics | 2 | Paper 1 is a theory paper consisting of two sections. Section A is compulsory while Section B consists of six items out of which a candidate attempts four items | 100 | 2 hours 15 minutes |
| Paper 2 is a practical paper consisting of three items out of which a candidate attempts 2 items | 60 | 2 hours 15 minutes |
| Chemistry | 2 | Paper 1 is a theory paper consisting of two sections. Section A is compulsory while Section B consists of six items out of which a candidate attempts four items | 100 | 2 hours 30 minutes |
| Paper 2 is a practical paper consisting of one compulsory item | 30 | 2 hours |
| Biology | 2 | Paper 1 is a theory paper consisting of two sections. Section A is compulsory while Section B consists of six items out of which a candidate attempts four items | 100 | 2 hours |
| Paper 2 is a practical paper consisting of two compulsory items | 60 | 2 hours 15 minutes |
| General Science | 1 | The paper consists of three sections. Section A is 10 MCQ items, Section B is a compulsory filling in section while section C has four items out of which a candidate attempts two items | 100 | 2 hours 30 minutes |
| Geography | 2 | Paper 1 consists of two sections and all items are compulsory | 100 | 2 hours |
| Paper 2 consists of two sections, section A is compulsory while section B consists of 5 items out of which a candidate attempts any two | 80 | 2 hours |
| History and Political Education | 2 | Paper 1 consists of 8 essay items out of which a candidate attempts four items | 100 | 2 hours |
| Paper 2 consists of five scenario based items out of which a candidate attempts two | 50 |  |
| Christian Religious Education | 1 | The CRE paper has three sections; A, B and C. Section A is compulsory and consists of ten short answer items. Section B consists of eight questions out of which a candidate attempts four. Section C consists of two compulsory scenario items. | 100 | 2 hours 40 minutes |
| Islamic Religious Education |  | The CRE paper has three sections; A, B and C. Section A is compulsory and consists of ten short answer items. Section B consists of eight questions out of which a candidate attempts four. Section C consists of two compulsory scenario items. | 100 | 2 hours 40 minutes |
| Physical Education | 2 | Paper 1 is a theory paper consisting of three sections | 100 | 2 hours |
| Paper 2 is a practical paper assessing atheletics, aesthetics and games | 100 | 6 hours |
| Nutrition and Food Technology | 2 | Paper 1 is a theory paper consisting three sections. Section A is compulsory while sections B and C contain optional items | 100 | 2 hours 30 minutes |
| Paper 2 is a performance paper | 100 | 4 hours |
| Art and Design | 2 | Paper 1 is a theory compulsory paper with short answer and essay items |  | 2 hours |
| Paper 2 is a practical compulsory paper consisting of six items out of which a candidates attempts one |  | 2 hours 30 minutes |
| Agriculture | 2 | Paper 1 is a theory paper consisting of three sections A, B and C. Sections A and B are compulsory while section C has five items out of which a candidate attempts four | 70 | 2 hours |
| Paper 2 is a practical compulsory paper consisting of five items | 30 |  |
| Entrepreneurship | 2 | Paper 1 is a theory paper consisting of two sections. Section A is a compulsory and consists of short answer items while Section B consists of five essay items in which a candidate attempts any three items | 100 | 2 hours |
| Paper 2 is an application paper. It consists of three sections; A, B and C. Sections A and B are compulsory while section C has five items out of which a candidate attempts three | 60 | 2 hours 5 minutes |
| Performing Arts | 2 | Paper 1 is a performing paper where a candidate performs five items | 100 | Approximately 25 minutes for each candidate |
| Paper 2 is a theory paper consisting of two sections. It assesses listening and writing | 100 | 1 hour 20 minutes |
| Technology and Design | 3 | Paper 1is design technology theory assessing knowledge and understanding of basic technology concepts | 100 | 2 hours 30 minutes |
| Paper 2 is design and drawing | 100 | 3 hours |
| Paper 3 is a practical paper | 80 | 3 hours |
| Information and Communication Technology | 2 | Paper 1 is a theory paper made up of two sections and all items are compulsory | 80 | 2 hours |
| Paper 2 is a practical paper with two sections. A candidate is assessed in tasks such as web design, spreadsheets and power point | 100 | 2 hours and 30 minutes |
| Kiswahili | 2 | Paper 1 assesses composition writing, summary, general language usage and translation | 100 | 2 hours and 30 minutes |
| Paper 2 is literature in Kiswahili and assesses short story, poetry, plays, and novella. | 80 | 2 hours and 15 minutes |
| Local Languages | 3 | Paper One is Oral and Aural examination. It assesses listening, speaking and interpretation skills. | 50 | 50 minutes |
|  | Paper Two assesses translation and composition writing. Composition is divided into creative and functional writing. | 100 | 2 hours 15 minutes |
|  | Paper Three tests Comprehension, Summary, Grammar, Culture and Oral Literature | 100 | 2 hours 15 minutes |
| Ugandan Sign Language | 1 | The paper has three sections which tests aspects of signing in different situations | 100 | 3 hours |
| Foreign Languages |  |  |  |  |
| 1. French | 2 | Paper 1 is oral comprehension consisting of listening comprehension and speaking | 40 |  |
| Paper 2 is written paper assessing reading comprehension, directed writing and continuous writing | 40 |  |
| 1. German | 2 |  |  | 15 minutes for a pair of candidates |
|  |  | 2 hours |
| 1. Arabic | 2 | Paper 1 is oral examination consisting of listening and speaking | 40 |  |
| Paper 2 is a written examination assessing reading and writing | 40 |  |
| 1. Latin | 1 | The paper assesses reading comprehension and writing | 80 | 2 hours |
| 1. Chinese | 2 | Paper 1 is oral examination assessing listening comprehension and speaking | 100 | 1 hour |
| Paper 2 is written examination assessing reading comprehension and writing | 100 | 1 hour 30 minutes |