

School-leaving examinations

Imperial Secondary Examinations Authority

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Congratulations on making your way to your final year of schooling! The people of the empire are proud of your achievement.

For some, this may be the end of their schooling. For others, they may attend university. However that is, per the Education Act 1846, you are required to sit school-leaving examinations in various topics. Depending on your desired certifications, you have a choice between taking examinations at the Standard and Advanced levels.

If you choose to sit examinations at the standard level, you will sit two papers. If, however, you choose to sit examinations at the advanced level, you will sit three papers. Any one candidate may not sit more than five advanced level examinations. Your education centre must accommodate any scheduling conflicts and provide invigilators as required.

1 Changes

No changes were made to the list of examinations required by the Examinations authority.

2 Compulsory examinations

The following examinations are compulsory and shall be administered in the following order at the start of the examinations session.

1. English
2. Latin
3. History
4. Mathematics
5. General sciences
6. Economics

You may choose to sit any examination at standard or advanced level. However, you may not choose more than five.

3 Voluntary examinations

You must choose at least two voluntary examinations. Your education centre must offer the following voluntary examinations. Further voluntary examinations may be provided at the discretion of your education centre.

3.1 Foreign language

- Ancient Greek
- Ancient Hebrew
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Chinese

3.2 Societies

- Geography
- Global Politics
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociocultural anthropology
- World religions

3.3 Sciences

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

3.4 Further mathematics

- Econometrics
- Statistics
- Further calculus

4 Sitting the examinations

Each mark corresponds to a question which should be answered in so many minutes. A three mark question should take three minutes to answer; a 15 mark question should take 15 minutes.

Academic dishonesty will result in disqualification of results. If you are disqualified, you must retake your examinations in the next examinations session.

5 Examination results

You may find it surprising how difficult these examinations are. Do not be afraid! Questions on these examinations are designed to evaluate how well you know the material at a broad and specific level. In most standard level examinations, the average student does not receive more than half of available marks. For the advanced level paper, it is not uncommon for the average student to receive only a third of available marks.

All results are curved from raw marks to the final scores. All final scores are normally distributed with the average score being a 5. An integer increase in the score corresponds with a 0.5σ deviation from the mean.

Examination results are available three months from completion. Results will be distributed to education centres where they will be posted publicly. Results are also mailed to your address and—based on your preferences—to other institutions. You may also mail the Education Service at Greyhall to request your results by post, so long as you also provide your education centre code and your candidate identification number.