

British Council Partner Schools

Instructions to Candidates

May/June 2026

Examination Session

Cambridge International Education

Pearson Edexcel International Qualifications

OxfordAQA International Qualification

(Closed Venue)





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Message from British Council

Dear Candidate

Greetings from the British Council.

Thank you for registering for the examinations in May/June 2026.
This brochure includes important information for you. Please read it attentively and make a note of the important instructions.

You should note that the location of your tests is your school in the written venues.

Please keep in mind that some practical and window exams may take place at different locations than your written exam location, which will be communicated to you separately 10-15 days before your exam day.

You will need to pay close attention to the exam start time and arrive to the venue one hour before your exam time, so you do not come late.

We wish you success in your exams.

DISCLAIMER

The British Council and the examining boards take all reasonable steps to provide continuity of service. We feel sure you will understand, however, that we cannot be held responsible for any interruptions caused by circumstances beyond our control. If examinations or their results are disrupted, cancelled, or delayed, every effort will be made to resume normal service as soon as possible. The candidate will be under the examination board's regulations once s/he arrive at the examination venue, in terms of late arrival, malpractice, etc.

The British Council's liability will be limited to the refund of the registration fee or retesting later

Notice to Candidates

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY:

British Council Egypt wishes you all the best of luck with your upcoming examination, and we would like to remind you of some guidelines to help you have a smooth exam day.

Exams start times.

Exam board	Qualification	Session AM	Session PM
Cambridge	All	11:00 AM	03:00 PM
Cambridge	Checkpoint	08:30 AM	
Pearson Edexcel	IGCSE- GCSE-GCE	11:00 AM	03:00 PM
Pearson Edexcel	IAL- iPLS	09:00 AM	12:00 PM
OxfordAQA	All	10:00 AM	

Before exam day

- Check all details on the Statement of Entry (SOE)
- Double check your name as this will appear on your certificate
- Check your exam reporting time, venue location, local traffic, to avoid stress on exam day

Exam day arrival

- Original Statement of Entry with the candidate's picture stamped by the school and laminated
- Transparent pencil case.
- Your writing materials, geometrical instruments, and simple calculators.
- A small bottle of mineral water.

What to bring on exam day

Allowed	Not Allowed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates must bring SOE• Approved stationery (black pen, pencil, eraser without wrapper, transparent slide ruler, mathematical instruments) in a transparent bag• Non-programmable calculator without case or instructions.• Transparent water bottle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not bring any personal belongings or valuables. There is no storage facility, and the British Council is not responsible for any loss/damage• Digital devices (phones, computers, tablets, fitness bands)• Watches (analogue or digital wristwatches, smart watches)• Personal belongings (wallets, bags, books, pencil cases, sunglasses, caps, calculator cases or instructions)

Exam Day Instructions

- Arrival time should be 1 hour before your exam; however, on exam days with high registrations, candidates' arrival should be 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- Candidates are to proceed to the waiting area – maintaining social distancing from one candidate to another.
- Security regulations state that “No candidate will be allowed to leave before the end of the examination session”.
- Candidates are not allowed to take from the examination room any used examination papers.
- No mobile phones are allowed into the examination hall or at laboratories during practical examinations. Candidates may be disqualified from the examination session if they do not abide by board rules and regulations.
- Candidates are not to bring any personal valuables on the test day, The British Council is not responsible for handbags or valuables left unattended.
- Candidates are to bring their stationery to all exams.
- Parents are not allowed on the premises during the examinations.
- You are not allowed to come to the examination venue except with your full school uniform (any hat or caps is not permitted)
- Students arriving at the venue out of their school uniform will not be permitted to sit for their examinations under any circumstances.

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- All Schools must send candidates accompanied by their supervisors.
 - Please note that your Individual Statement of Entry (final) and your timetable are the documents you should follow regarding examination dates and timings

Seat numbers

- Your seat number changes for every examination. Before each examination, you must check your hall and seat number on the venue noticeboard.

Clashes

- Candidates with clashes on their timetable should check the noticeboard daily for further instructions on clashes for each specific examination. All instructions will be clearly displayed on the Examinations Noticeboard.