

Appendix 6

Information for candidates for on-screen tests – effective from 1 September 2025



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This document has been written to help you. Read it carefully and follow the instructions. If there is anything you do not understand, ask your teacher.

A Regulations – Make sure you understand the rules	
1	Be on time for your on-screen test(s). If you are late, your work might not be accepted.
2	Do not become involved in any unfair or dishonest practice during the on-screen test.
3	If you try to cheat or break the rules in any way, you could be disqualified from all your exams.
4	Only take into the exam room the materials and equipment which are allowed for that exam.
5	<p>You must not take into the exam room any unauthorised material including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) notes; b) earphones or earbuds (e.g. AirPods), mobile phones, MP3/4 players or similar devices, smart devices, smart glasses, tablets (e.g. iPads or iPods); c) a watch. <p>Unless you are told otherwise, you must not have access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) AI tools, email, graphics packages or computer aided design software, portable storage media, e.g. floppy disks, CDs, memory sticks, social media sites, spreadsheets or the internet; e) prepared templates. <p>Bringing unauthorised material into the exam room is breaking the rules, whether you intend to use it or not. You will be subject to sanctions and possible disqualification.</p>
6	Do not talk to, try to communicate with or disturb other candidates once you have entered the exam room.
7	If you leave the exam room unaccompanied by an invigilator before the on-screen test has finished, you will not be allowed to return.
8	Do not borrow anything from another candidate during the on-screen test.
B Information – Make sure you attend your on-screen test and bring what you need	
1	Know the date and time of your on-screen test(s). Arrive at least ten minutes before the start of your on-screen test.
2	If you arrive late for an on-screen test, report to the invigilator running the test.
3	If you arrive more than one hour after the published starting time for the on-screen test, you may not be allowed to take it.
4	Your centre will inform you of any equipment which you may need for the on-screen test.



C Calculators, dictionaries and computer spellcheckers	
1	You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.
2	If you use a calculator: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly; clear anything stored in its memory; remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulae; do not bring into the examination room any operating instructions or prepared programs.
3	Do not use a dictionary or computer spellchecker unless you are told otherwise.
D Instructions during the on-screen test	
1	Always listen to the invigilator. Always follow their instructions.
2	Tell the invigilator at once if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> you have been entered for the wrong on-screen test; the on-screen test is in another candidate's name; you experience system delays or any other IT issues; your access to the on-screen test has not been set up correctly; adjustments to the on-screen test have not been made for you, e.g. additional time has not been added, computer reading software or speech recognition software has not been uploaded.
3	You may be given a question paper or the instructions may be on-screen. In either case, read carefully and follow the instructions. Do not open the question paper until you are told that the exam has begun.
E Advice and assistance	
1	If, on the day of the on-screen test, you feel that your work may be affected by ill health or any other reason, tell the invigilator.
2	Put up your hand during the on-screen test if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> you have a problem with your computer and are not sure what you should do; you do not feel well.
3	You must not ask for, and will not be given, any explanation of the questions.
F At the end of the on-screen test	
1	Ensure that the software closes at the end of the on-screen test.
2	If you are required to print off work outside the time allowed for the on-screen test, ensure that you collect your own work. You must not share your work with other candidates. Make sure that another candidate does not collect your printout(s).
3	Do not leave the exam room until told to do so by the invigilator.
4	Do not take any stationery from the exam room. This includes rough work, printouts or any other materials provided for the on-screen test.
This information must be made available to all candidates in advance of their on-screen test(s) for each series. It may be provided electronically to candidates or in hard copy paper format.	