



Ministry of Education

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Summative Examination – Frequently Asked Questions

Will the exam be closed or open book?

This is to be a strictly closed book exam. All of the questions will be selected from a bank of 50, which is made publicly available on the Summative exam section of our website for your review.

How many questions will be in the exam?

Of the 50 total questions from the Summative exam question bank we shall select 20 for your evaluation. Of the 20 questions, you may select 8 to answer. We shall only grade the 8 questions that you selected.

How will I take the exam?

We will ask you to recommend a minimum of 2 invigilators. We shall select 1 invigilator from your recommendations to proctor the exam. The examination will be prepared by us and sent to the invigilator 24 hours before the agreed upon time and date of the examination. Once completed, we will only accept a paper that is sent to us by the invigilator. The exam may be taken as a word document, or handwritten (scanned copies will need to be made and sent to us by the Invigilator if the exam is handwritten). It should be noted that handwritten papers are only an option if the Invigilator will be physically present.

How long may I take to finish the examination?

A maximum time of 4 hours will be allotted to complete the exam. The exam must be completed in one sitting.

Will the Invigilator need to be physically present to proctor the exam?

Yes, if possible. If not:

The invigilator must directly observe the test taker via two live-streaming cameras, providing a view of both the student and the student's screen. Once the arrangement has been set up and checked, the Invigilator would send the question paper to the candidate, to be visible on the student's screen. The invigilator should ensure software such as Google Classroom is used, as it guarantees that the computer user cannot switch windows until the completed paper is submitted to the Invigilator.

What are the qualifications to be an invigilator?

We only ask that the person be a practicing devotee above 18 years of age. This devotee will be asked to sign a declaration form affirming their responsibilities as an invigilator.

How long will it take for my paper to be evaluated?

Within a period of 1 month from the date of submission made by the Invigilator.

How shall I receive my certificate?

A digital certificate will be generated and sent directly to your email.