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A student's concern about O-level exam rule

1. We thank Mr Justin Lee for his letter 'A student's concern about O-level exam rule' (*ST, 23 Feb 2009*).
2. We would like to assure Mr Lee that candidates are given additional writing papers if they request for them during the GCE O-Level examinations. Also, there will not be any penalty should candidates use corrective fluid in the national examinations.
3. The Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) and University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) have advised candidates not to use correction fluid in the national examinations because we have found instances in examinations scripts where the use of correction fluid had affected the legibility of scripts. There were also instances where answers had been left incomplete after correction fluid had been applied.
4. Mr Lee had asked if candidates could use correction tape instead. We would advise against this, as it would not be in candidates' interest to use correction tape for the same reasons as given above.

With Best Regards

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