



**2021 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE ORAL EXAMINATION
INSTRUCTIONS TO **PRIVATE CANDIDATES** ON SAFE MANAGEMENT
MEASURES DUE TO COVID-19 [Version dated 21 July 2021]**

(For GCE Oral Examinations to be conducted from July to October 2021)

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, your safety and well-being are our priority. Please read these instructions and the “**Examination Rules and Regulations for Private Candidates**” carefully before your first paper. These instructions can be found on the SEAB website www.seab.gov.sg

You are required to adhere to and follow the instructions and procedures that are spelt out in this document. Appropriate actions will be taken against those who made false declarations or violate any of the instructions/procedures, and this may include having your examination results annulled.

In addition, candidates found to have breached their Quarantine Order (QO) / Stay Home Notice (SHN) may be prosecuted under Section 21A of the Infectious Diseases Act.

1. Please do not report for examination if you are:

- a) A COVID-19 Confirmed case
- b) On Quarantine Order (QO)
- c) On Stay Home Notice (SHN)
- d) Issued with Health Risk Warning
- e) On medical leave due to Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI); or
- f) Required by MOH to undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing

Please write to SEAB at seab_gce_admin@seab.gov.sg and stay at home.



2. You can only report for examination if you receive a negative COVID-19 test result before the start of the examination for the following categories:

- a) Issued with Health Risk Warning or required by MOH to undergo mandatory testing.

Please notify SEAB immediately by writing to seab_gce_admin@seab.gov.sg if you fall under the above categories with your COVID-19 test results.

On The Day Of Your Oral Examinations

3. Check your temperature and health. If you are not well, e.g. having a fever (38.0°C and above), exhibiting flu-like symptoms, do not report for examination. **Please note that candidates who are unwell or with fever or flu-like symptoms, regardless if the symptoms were due to COVID-19 virus, would not be permitted to enter the exam venues.**
4. Arrive at your examination centre at least 45 minutes before the start of your paper.
5. Follow the procedures that are implemented by the examination centre, such as temperature taking, declaration of personal information, travel history/health condition before you enter the examination venue. You are required to have the TraceTogether App/token for SafeEntry check-in at the examination centre. You can obtain information on how to download the TraceTogether App via www.tracetgether.gov.sg. It is mandatory that you follow the procedures as only those who have completed the procedures are allowed to enter the examination venue.
6. You must wear surgical masks at all times. **You are not allowed to remove your face mask during the reading aloud/oral presentation and oral interaction segments of your oral examination with the oral examiners.** During attendance taking, you may be asked to remove your mask for a short while to verify your identity. Refusal to put on face mask is an offence in Singapore under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act.

7. Before the start of the oral examination, the oral examiners will instruct you to
 - sanitise your hands before taking your seat.
 - say out your name loudly, to ensure that they can hear you clearly.

You can request the oral examiners to repeat the questions and/or speak louder. A placard would be placed in front of you as a reminder that you can request for oral examiners to repeat the question or to speak louder. You will not be penalised for asking the oral examiner to repeat if you are unable to hear clearly.

8. You are not required to key your User ID and password in the e-Oral System. The Examination Personnel will help you to do this. In addition, no headphones would be provided for this year's oral examination. The audio for the video stimulus will be played directly from the laptop. Please alert the Examination Personnel if you encounter any audio issues. These measures are put in place to minimise the contamination from these common touch point surfaces.
9. At the end of the oral examination, the oral examiners will instruct you to:
 - wipe down the high-touch surfaces such as mouse and candidate's laptop and table;
 - sanitise your hands before leaving the Oral Exam Station.

Waste bins will be placed nearby for you to discard the papers towels after the wipe down.

10. Always maintain at least 1m from other candidates or persons as part of safe-distancing measure.
11. Do not talk to one other, gather in groups or crowd around any designated area or toilet. You will be dismissed from the examination/quarantine venue in smaller groups and at staggered intervals.
12. If you are unwell during the examination, please inform an examination personnel immediately. You will be accompanied by an examination personnel to a separate room. The examination personnel will assess your condition and will decide on appropriate measures such as making arrangement for you to see a doctor or to send you home. They will follow up with SEAB.
13. In the event of a major disruption such as a major train service disruption or heavy rain, you should still make your way to your designated examination centre. You will be allowed to sit for the oral examination if you reach the examination centre within 30 mins after the start of the oral examination. If you are unable to reach your examination centre within 30 mins after the start of the oral examination, you will need to write to SEAB at seab_gce_admin@seab.gov.sg.

Key Precautionary Measures Taken By Examination Centres

All designated examination centres have implemented safe management measures to protect your safety and well-being. These include:

1. Mandatory temperature checking and check-in using TraceTogether-only SafeEntry for all examination personnel.
2. All oral examiners will wear surgical masks at all times. Oral examiners should confirm with the candidates that they can be heard clearly before making the announcement or starting the examination. Before the start of the examination, oral examiners will ask each candidate to say out his/her name loudly, to ensure that they can hear each other clearly.
3. **Oral Examiners will sit at least 1.2m from candidates** during the oral examination.
4. Arrange candidates to be seated at least 1m apart (front and back, side to side) in the waiting and quarantine areas.
5. Clean and disinfect examination venues and common facilities before and after each examination session. Clean and disinfect common shared items before the start of the silent preparation and oral examination for each candidate. Hand sanitisers are also available at the examination venue for use.

With the evolving COVID-19 situation, you must also observe and comply with any additional instructions and procedures that SEAB may announce nearer to the examination dates. You should refer to SEAB website at www.seab.gov.sg regularly for updates of instructions and procedures before you proceed to sit for your examination.

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