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COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHOOL CANDIDATES FOR 2020 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE EXAMINATION

(The following is applicable to National Examinations for GCE O- and A-Level Mother Tongue Languages to be conducted on 18 and 19 June 2020)

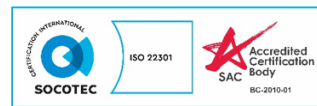
As the COVID-19 coronavirus situation continues to evolve, your safety and well-being are our priority. Taking alignment with the precautionary measures introduced by the Multi-Ministry Task Force, please read these instructions carefully when sitting for the National Examinations:

Before The Examinations

1. Read the **Examination Rules and Regulations for School Candidates** which are found on the SEAB website www.seab.gov.sg before your first paper.
2. If you are on Home Quarantine Order, Stay-Home Notice, Leave of Absence or medical leave, do not report for examination. Please inform your teacher and stay at home. **For those on Approved Absence, you will be allowed to sit for examination in separate rooms.**

On The Day Of Your Examinations

3. Check your temperature and health. If you are not well, e.g. having a fever (38°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 of whether the symptoms were due to COVID-19 virus, would not be permitted to enter the exam venues.** Inform your teacher that you are unwell and see a doctor. Your teacher will follow up with SEAB.
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. It is mandatory that you follow the procedures as only those who have completed the procedures are allowed to enter.
6. You must wear your face mask when you report for your examination. When you are seated in your examination room, you are allowed to wear a face mask or face shield during your examination. However, when you leave the examination room, you must



put on your face mask. Do also note that the invigilator may ask you to remove your mask for a short while to verify your identity during attendance taking.

7. Always maintain at least 1m safe distance from other candidates.
8. Do not talk to one other, gather in groups or crowd around any designated area or toilet. You will be dismissed from the examination venue in smaller groups and at staggered intervals.
9. 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. Your Principal or Vice-Principal 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.
10. To prevent over-crowding at the toilets during the break time between the two papers, invigilators will allow candidates to visit the “designated” toilets in small batches. Kindly observe the safe distancing measures when queuing up for toilets.
11. 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 given the full duration if you reach the examination centre before the end of the examination. If you are unable to reach your examination centre before the end of the paper, you can go to an examination centre nearest to you to take your examination. You can refer to the SEAB website : www.seab.gov.sg under ‘Quick Links → ‘Disruption Advice’, for more information on the examination arrangement for candidates who are affected by major disruption during examination days.

Key Precautionary Measures Taken By Schools

Your school has implemented the precautionary measures to protect your safety and well-being. These include:

Examination Personnel

1. Mandatory temperature checking and health/travel declaration will be carried out for all examination personnel. Those who are not well e.g. having a fever (38°C and above), exhibiting flu-like symptoms, cannot report for examination duty. Similarly, those who are Home Quarantine Order, Stay-Home Notice, Leave of Absence or medical leave will not report for examination duty.
2. Wear face masks or face shields at all times inside the examination venues. Invigilators who choose to wear face masks should confirm with the candidates that they can be heard clearly before making the announcement.
3. Maintain at least a distance of 1m from one another and from the candidates, except during issuing of Question Papers, verifying attendance, and collecting answer scripts.

Conduct Of Examinations

4. Clean and disinfect examination venues and common facilities before and after each examination session.
5. Conduct examinations in smaller venues such as classrooms, with not more than 30 candidates in each classroom.
6. Arrange candidates to be seated at least 1.5m apart (measured from the centre of the desk of one candidate to the desk of another candidate, in all direction) to ensure that there is no compromise of exam integrity, inside each exam venue.
7. Assign separate routes to toilets to avoid congregation. Toilets will be designated for candidates as well.
8. Arrange staggered dismissal times for the candidates from different examination venues after examination. Ensure different exit routes for candidates are planned to avoid intermingling and minimise contact.

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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