



**GCE 'O' Level  
/ Preliminary  
Examination  
Science  
Practical 2023  
Briefing**

# IMPORTANT DATES

| Subject           |            | Prelim      |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Combined Sciences | Chem / Bio | 12 Sep 2023 |
|                   | Phy / Chem |             |
|                   |            |             |
| Pure Sciences     | Physics    | 13 Sep 2023 |
|                   | Biology    | 13 Sep 2023 |
|                   | Chemistry  | 14 Sep 2023 |

# IMPORTANT DATES

| Subject           |            | O' Level    |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Combined Sciences | Chem / Bio | 12 Oct 2023 |
|                   | Phy / Chem |             |
|                   |            |             |
| Pure Sciences     | Chemistry  | 4 Oct 2023  |
|                   | Physics    | 9 Oct 2023  |
|                   | Biology    | 17 Oct 2023 |

## Combined Science O'Level Practical Shift Schedule

| <b>Comb Science Exam Duration (1h 30min)</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Shift</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Shift</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Shift</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Shift</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Reporting Time</b>                        | 7:30 AM                     | 9:15 AM                     | 11:15 AM                    | 12:00 PM                    |
| <b>Start Time</b>                            | 8:00 AM                     | 10:00 AM                    | 12:00 PM                    | 2:00 PM                     |
| <b>End Time</b>                              | 9:30 AM                     | 11:30 AM                    | 1:30 PM                     | 3:30 PM                     |
| <b>Dismissal Time</b>                        | 12:30 PM                    | 12:30 PM                    | 1:30 PM                     | 3:30 PM                     |

## Pure Science O'Level Practical Shift Schedule

| <b>Pure Science Exam Duration (1h 50min)</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Shift</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Shift</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Shift</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Shift</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Reporting Time</b>                        | 7:30 AM                     | 9:30 AM                     | 11:30 AM                    | 12:00 PM                    |
| <b>Start Time</b>                            | 8:00 AM                     | 10:20 AM                    | 12:40 PM                    | 3:00 PM                     |
| <b>End Time</b>                              | 9:50 AM                     | 12:10 PM                    | 2:30 PM                     | 4:50 PM                     |
| <b>Dismissal Time</b>                        | 12:30 PM                    | 12:30 PM                    | 2:30 PM                     | 4:50 PM                     |

# Before Exam:

## Please check the following:

1. 'O' Level Index No.
2. Reporting venues
3. Reporting time

**Report to the correct reporting venues PUNCTUALLY!!**

You may not be allowed to take the examination if you report late

# Example:

**Take note of the Reporting Time**

| Shift   | 'O' Level Index No.                        | Reporting Venue  | Reporting Time    | Exam Venue    | Exam Time         | Holding Area | Dismissal Time |
|---------|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Shift 2 | 0161 – 0183<br>(20)<br>0186 – 0206<br>(20) | 4E2<br>Classroom | 0900 –<br>0915 hr | Chem<br>Lab 1 | 1020 –<br>1150 hr | Library      | 1330 hr        |
|         | 0161 – 0183<br>(20)<br>0186 – 0206<br>(20) | 4E3<br>Classroom |                   | Phy<br>Lab 1  |                   |              |                |

# Before Exam:

## Attire:

- Candidates should be in half school uniform and proper school shoes.
- No slippers are allowed.

## Handphones / Other electronic devices:

- Candidates are strongly advised not to bring along their handphones and/or other electronic devices.
- **All handphones will be collected in the Reporting room and only returned at the end of the examination.**



# Before Exam:

## Things to bring to the labs:

- **Entry Proof and NRIC/Foreign Identification documents/ Student Concession Card.**
- **Stationery:** Pens, sharp 2B pencils, 150 mm plastic ruler, curve ruler, soft eraser and approved calculator.  
**Strictly NO borrowing** of stationery during the practical examinations
- **Revision materials** for candidates from **Shift 1 & 4**, who will be quarantined after / before the examination (to be left outside the labs). All bags are to be quarantined in the Reporting rooms upon reporting until dismissal time.

# Before Exam:

Other things to take note:

- Check your **seating arrangement** before entering the lab (**Reporting Room & Outside Lab**).
- If you are wearing a jacket, you may need to take it off when requested by the Invigilator.
- Empty your pockets and show them to the invigilator, when requested by the Invigilator.

# After Exam:

## Movements of candidates

- Liaison Officers will be assisting candidates' movement from one venue to the other venue. *Eg. From labs to quarantine room.*
- Candidates will move together in an orderly manner.
- During the movement, candidates are **not allowed to go elsewhere or engage in any form of communication with others who are not involved in the practical examination.**

# After Exam:

**Students in Shift 1, 2 and 4 will be quarantined.**

## **Quarantine area (tentative)**

- Location: **SRC**

## **Quarantine period**

- Use the quarantine time **wisely**.
- No playing games/ chatting.
- Bring along notes/ practice papers for SDL.
- Students who wish to go for toilet break has to be accompanied by the Liaison Officers

# After Exam:

## Food & Drinks

- There will be **NO food or drinks** provided during the quarantine period.
- Candidates in **Shift 1** are **strongly advised** to bring their own **dry rations** for consumption.
  - All food are to be placed in a plastic bag and passed to the Liaison Officer for collection upon reporting.
  - A label will be given to you to tag your food.

## Quarantine Duration – Combined Science

| Shift | Quarantine Duration      |
|-------|--------------------------|
| 1     | approx. 3 hours (after)  |
| 2     | approx. 1 hour (after)   |
| 3     | -                        |
| 4     | approx. 3 hours (before) |

## Quarantine Duration – Pure Science

| Shift | Quarantine Duration     |
|-------|-------------------------|
| 1     | approx. 3 hours (after) |
| 2     | approx. 20 min (after)  |
| 3     | -                       |

# **WHAT TO DO DURING AN UNEXPECTED SITUATION**



# Contracting contagious disease(s) just before or during the examination period; hospitalisation

1



- If you have contracted a contagious disease just before or during the examination period, please see a qualified medical practitioner and inform the school.
- If you are hospitalised, please inform the school.

2

Application  
for Special  
Consideration

You may apply for Special considerations, provided that:

- You have sat for at least 50% of the total assessment of the affected subject, and
- You have the relevant supporting documents to support your application (e.g. medical report/statement from a qualified medical practitioner) to certify that you are unfit for the examination.

# Major Train Service Disruptions

(Please continue to make your way to  
**your designated examination centre**)

1a

Inform your school immediately.

You do not need to produce an excuse letter from the MRT station.

1b

Continue to make your way to the designated examination centre, **even if you are unable to reach by the reporting time of your shift.**

1c

You will be given the full duration to sit the examination

# Final Instructions

- The briefing slides will be uploaded onto school web-site.
- You can check your Science Practical details (shift, reporting time, etc) on the notice board outside the General Office from **next Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup> Sep)** onwards.
- School Tel no: **63851990**