

## Confirmation of November exam 2020 series

Cambridge Assessment International Education is running exams for the October / November 2020 series in countries where it is safe and where there are necessary permissions from government authorities.

Cambridge International will not be running an alternative system to exams using predicted grades, as exams remain the fairest and most reliable way to assess student achievement.

We acknowledge that due to Covid-19 and closure of schools, candidates may be feeling anxious and stressed, in which case we suggest that you talk to a trusted adult or counsellor in your school or seek support from local helplines.

Should you not feel comfortable or ready to take the examinations in the October / November 2020 series, you may of course withdraw your entry.

If you are a school candidate, please request this through your school. If you are a private candidate, please write to [info@britishcouncil.org.pk](mailto:info@britishcouncil.org.pk) to submit us a request along with a medical evidence.

For those chose to withdraw, date for application to the May/June session will be communicated at a later date.

You can of course withdraw your entry at any time without a fee refund, if you are not applying on medical grounds.

Needless to say, our key priorities remain the same – to keep our students and teachers safe, and to help students get on with their educational journeys as soon as possible.

Therefore, we are sharing some important instructions for you and an update on the safety measures we will be taking to ensure your health and protection during the October/November 2020 exams.

Understanding and thoroughly familiarising yourself with these protocols in advance will help you stay safe on the day of the examination.

You are requested to:



Bring your face mask, sanitiser and a transparent water bottle along on the exams day. Please note that wearing a mask is a **mandatory requirement** to enter the exam hall.



Maintain atleast a two-meter distance from other candidates while standing in a queue or entering or leaving the exam hall.



Cooperate with our staff, as there will be temperature checks before entering the exam hall and it might add a little waiting time in the queues.



If you are suffering from the flu, or a fever or cough, please inform us in advance at [info@britishcouncil.org.pk](mailto:info@britishcouncil.org.pk) and share your details, exams dates and symptoms. Please stay home if you feel unwell, as we will be asking those candidates to return who appear to have such symptoms on the exam day.

British Council will be following these SOPs:



Chairs and tables at the exam centre will be cleaned and sanitised after every exam session as per WHO's advice and standards.



Hand sanitisers and handwash facility will be available at all exam centres.



Candidates will enter the exam hall after going through a touchless ID check.



Separate areas will be provided for candidates with access/special arrangements.



To avoid large gatherings outside the venue, we will allot two different reporting times to two different groups of candidates, while safety protocols will be followed by limiting the number of candidates at all exit and entry points.

We hope you appreciate the significance of conducting the exams with these additional safety protocols and understand that the new-normal exam day journey may take a little longer to complete and add some additional of waiting time for parents.

**We earnestly request you to comply with the instructions. Please share this email with your parents /guardian so they too understand these requirements and measures better. We will need their support and cooperation to conduct this examination session smoothly and safely.**

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us at [info@britishcouncil.org.pk](mailto:info@britishcouncil.org.pk)