

RIS & C Guide Lines for CAIE May/June 2020 based on Cambridge update for Schools, 31st March 2020

Dear Parents & Students,

Thank you for your patience and support as we all scramble to adapt to the current unforeseeable crisis of COVID -19. As you know, on advice from the government of Pakistan, all school exams in Pakistan in May, have been cancelled. This includes both local and international exams. Since Cambridge has decided to grade the students for May/June 2020, based on their internal school assessment therefore it is important for us to make sure that all our students obtain the fairest possible outcome, with the quality and integrity they would expect from Cambridge. The authenticated-evidence from school should consist of examples of work candidates have done to prepare for their May/ June 2020 exams.

The types of evidence considered by Cambridge to generate evidence based grades will include:

- mock exams
- coursework (complete or incomplete)
- assignments
- lab work of AS/A Level students
- IGCSE/ O Levels Results for AS Levels
- AS Level results for A-Level candidate
- grades in previous sittings for candidates re-taking exams.

There are certain options available to the students but prior to make any decision, parents and students are suggested to consider following:

- No one can predict whether the October/November exam series will be able to proceed as planned.
- Cambridge has still not responded to following school queries for Oct/Nov exam series:
 - a) Will all subjects be offered in October/November or not;
 - b) Course work proposals for subjects like Global Perspectives and Art and Design can be carried forward;
 - c) The credit note from the May/June entries will be considered automatically sufficient or examination fees will change due to currency fluctuations.
- Students must choose either to appear for All subjects in October/November or be internally assessed for All subjects over the next few months.

Keeping in view current directions sent by Cambridge, RIS & C, has decided to facilitate students with following options to simplify the procedure, such as:

A2

Option-1: To avoid a gap year it is better to remain registered in May/June 2020 and get an

evidence-based grade. Validity of AS Results obtained in May/June 2019, CAIE is reviewing to extend the validity to Oct/Nov 2020 but decision hasn't been taken yet.

After the result if you don't get the required grades for university admissions, you can retake Oct/Nov 2020 Exam. Fee has been paid for May/June 2020 exams. To retake exam in Oct/Nov 2020 exam fee will be paid again. If CAIE extends the validity of AS results to Oct/Nov 2020 then students can take A2 exams only but if the validity is not extended, then composite exam of AS/A2 will have to be taken.

Option-2: Withdraw from May/June 2020, get credit note for refund & re-enter in Oct/Nov 2020. The difference in the fee, if any, will have to be paid by the candidates. Results of Oct/Nov 2020 will be released in January 2021 and this will result in a gap year.

AS

Option-1: Get the evidence-based grade & focus on A2. After the result if you are not satisfied, retake exam in Oct/Nov 2020.

Option-2: Withdraw from May/June 2020, get credit note for refund & re-enter in Oct/Nov 2020. The difference in the fee, if any, will have to be paid by the candidates. During Oct/Nov exams studies will remain disrupted as some students will be taking exams.

Option-3: Withdraw from May/June 2020 & take a composite exam of AS/A2 in May/June 2021.

IG III

Option 1: Get the evidence based grades depending on internal assessments, to avoid any loss of time and get promoted to AS.

Option 2: Withdraw May /June exams and re-enter in Oct/Nov 2020, in this case four months of regular AS classes time will be lost.

IG II

Option 1: Subjects like Urdu, Pak studies were not offered in Oct/Nov in previous years, it is still not clear from CAIE about any option available for Oct/Nov 2020. Students opting Oct/Nov exam will be late to join IG III which will resultantly effect their result.

Option 2: Studies of students opting for Oct/Nov exam will disrupt as academic session for IG III start in August 2020, may impact their result

O levels III

Option 1: Get evidence based grades as per Cambridge criterion set for Schools, get promoted to AS level and save academic time.

Option 2: Withdraw from May/June exams and re-enter in Oct/Nov 2020, in this case, there will be late sitting in the AS grade. The difference in the fee, if any, will have to be paid by the candidates

O levels II

Option 1: Get the evidence based grades as per school policy based on Cambridge criterion

Option 2: Withdraw from May/June exams and re-enter in Oct/Nov 2020. The difference in the fee, if any, will have to be paid by the candidates

Note: All those students who want to avail withdraw option need to send their names to respective coordinator and Principal by 7th of April 2020

Further updates will be provided based on Cambridge release on 7th April, 2020

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Lots of prayers for your health and safety

Best regards,
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