



## MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

The Matriculation Certificate Examination shall be held at two levels: Advanced (AM) Level and Intermediate (IM) Level. The Examination is offered in a wide range of subjects divided among groups structured in such a way as to ensure that all candidates study subjects from both the Humanities and the Science areas as follows:

- Group 1** Maltese, Arabic, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Russian, Spanish.
- Group 2** Accounting, Economics, Geography, History, Marketing, Philosophy, Religious Knowledge, Sociology.
- Group 3** Applied Mathematics (Mechanics), Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science\*, Physics, Pure Mathematics.
- Group 4** Art, Computing, Engineering Drawing, Graphical Communication, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Music.

### Systems of Knowledge\*

\* offered at Intermediate Level only

### Choice of Subjects

Candidates shall be required to choose:

- ◆ one subject chosen from each of Groups 1, 2, and 3
- ◆ two other subjects chosen from any of the four groups
- ◆ Systems of Knowledge.

Two subjects must be taken at Advanced level and the others at Intermediate level.

Any subject may be chosen but the following restrictions apply:

- ◆ No subject may be offered at both Advanced and Intermediate Levels;
- ◆ Not more than two of Accounting, Economics, and Marketing may be offered;
- ◆ Environmental Science may not be offered with Biology, Chemistry, or Physics;
- ◆ Computing may not be offered with Information Technology; and
- ◆ Engineering Drawing may not be offered with Graphical Communication. (At Intermediate Level the two subjects become one: Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication).
- ◆ No subject may be taken in both the Matriculation Certificate Examination at Advanced or Intermediate Levels and in the Secondary Education Certificate Examination at the same session.

### Award of the Certificate

- ◆ The Certificate shall be awarded to candidates who obtain a pass in at least one of the subjects offered from each of Groups 1, 2, and 3 and in Systems of Knowledge, and a minimum of 44 grade points.
- ◆ It shall be awarded with a single overall grade to be given as A, B, or C in descending order of merit.
- ◆ The overall grade shall be determined from the sum of the grade points obtained in each subject as follows:

<b>Grade A</b>	80 to 100 grade points
<b>Grade B</b>	64 to 78 grade points
<b>Grade C</b>	44 to 62 grade points

- ◆ The results obtained in the individual subjects shall be given as grades A, B, C, D, and E in descending order of merit. F indicates Fail and 'abs' indicates Absent for the examination. For the purpose of awarding the overall grade, grade points shall be awarded for these results, up to a total of 100 grade points, as follows:

	Advanced Level	Intermediate Level
<b>Grade A</b>	30 grade points	10 grade points
<b>Grade B</b>	24 grade points	8 grade points
<b>Grade C</b>	18 grade points	6 grade points
<b>Grade D</b>	12 grade points	4 grade points
<b>Grade E</b>	6 grade points	2 grade points

### Supplementary Session

- ◆ Candidates shall be allowed to re-sit a maximum of three subjects as follows: one subject at Advanced Level, one subject at Intermediate Level, and Systems of Knowledge.
- ◆ Candidates shall be allowed to register for the Supplementary Session irrespective of the grade obtained in the First Session.

### Re-sit of the Examination

- ◆ Candidates who narrowly fail to obtain an overall Grade C following the first session of examinations (May and September sittings) shall have their result denoted by Grade N.
- ◆ Grade N shall be awarded to candidates who obtain a minimum of 40 grade points and who do not satisfy only one of the other requirements as specified in the "Award of the Certificate" section.
- ◆ The results of the candidates awarded Grade N shall be carried forward for a maximum of two years. Such candidates shall be allowed to re-sit any one or more subject/s in order to improve their result. Such candidates may also opt to drop a subject and replace it by another at the same level, provided that their choice would allow them to satisfy all the requirements for the award of the Certificate.
- ◆ Candidates who have obtained the Certificate or persons who are in possession of other qualifications and are required by the University of Malta to obtain passes at Advanced and/or Intermediate Level in order to be eligible for admission into a University course, shall be allowed to sit for the examination at Advanced and/or Intermediate Level in the required subject/s. In such cases, candidates shall receive a transcript of results but a certificate shall only be awarded for passes at Advanced Level.

### Examination in Single subject

Candidates may sit for examinations in single subjects at Advanced and Intermediate Levels, including Systems of Knowledge. In the case of a pass grade a certificate shall be issued. Such certificates shall, however, not be taken into consideration for the granting of a Matriculation Certificate.

Further information may be obtained from:  
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