



MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

- ◆ The **Matriculation Certificate 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.

- ◆ Candidates are required to sit for examinations in
 - 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.)
- ◆ The Matriculation Certificate is awarded with a single overall grade which shall be given as A, B or C in descending order of merit.
- ◆ The overall grade is determined from the sum of the grade points obtained in each subject as follows:

Grade A 80 to 100 grade points
Grade B 64 to 78 grade points
Grade C 44 to 62 grade points

- ◆ Candidates qualify for the Matriculation Certificate if they obtain a minimum of 44 grade points and a pass in at least one of the subjects offered from each of Groups 1, 2 and 3, and a pass in Systems of Knowledge.

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

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

- ◆ Candidates may sit for the September supplementary session in a maximum of three subjects: one subject at Advanced Level, one subject at Intermediate Level and Systems of Knowledge, irrespective of the grade obtained in the May session.
- ◆ Grade N shall be awarded to candidates who obtain a minimum of 40 grade points or/and who do not pass one of the subjects offered from Groups 1, 2 and 3, or from Systems of Knowledge.
- ◆ 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 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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