

UK School Qualifications

IGCSE in Egypt Core Changes 2018-2023

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British Council Egypt

Who we are & what we do



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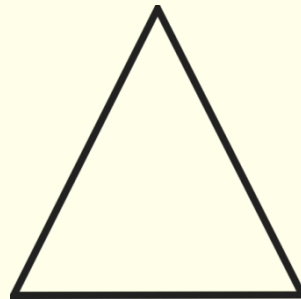
Context

127 schools delivering UK school qualifications
including IGCSE / International GCSEs



Schools across Cairo, Alexandria, Tanta, Ismailia,
Luxor, and Red Sea cities

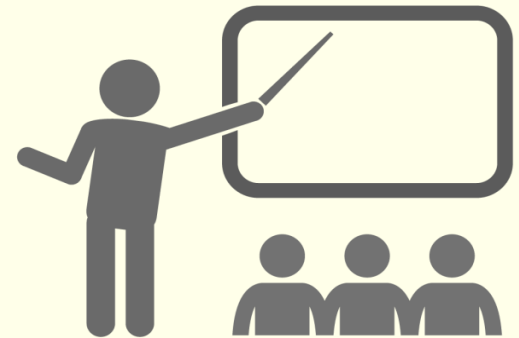
Context



2 Ministries
of
Education



3 Awarding
Bodies



127
Schools

Our role

- **Delivering exams operation** for UK school qualifications
- **Develop market** for UK school qualifications
- **Support schools** achieve quality educational outcomes



British Council-attached School

- British Council **registers** students in Examinations
- British Council **administers** all student Examinations
- British Council **monitors** and **inspects** school and carries out 'Quality & Compliance Audits'
- British Council provides **support** to school leaders, teachers, students and parents
- British Council remains the **liason** between the school and the Ministry of Education and Awarding Bodies

Parent Questions

- What are **UK school qualifications** ?
- What are the **benefits** of taking **IGCSE** ?
- What are the new **core changes to IGCSE** in Egypt ?
- What role does the British Council play in supporting **IGCSE students** and **British schools** ?

What are UK Exam Boards?

UK Awarding Bodies in Egypt



Cambridge Assessment
International Education

edexcel 



Pearson

OXFORD

INTERNATIONAL
AQA EXAMINATIONS

What are UK qualifications in Egypt?

Primary Checkpoint Programme

- Cambridge Primary Checkpoint

Supported learning with supportive tests

Lower Secondary Programmes: Years 7-9

- Cambridge IGCSE Core

Supported learning with supportive tests

Upper Secondary Programmes: Years 10-12

IGCSE / International GCSE (Years 10-11)

- Cambridge IGCSE / O-level
- Pearson International GCSE / GCSE
- Oxford AQA International GCSE

Advanced Level (Years 11-12)

- Cambridge International AS/A-level

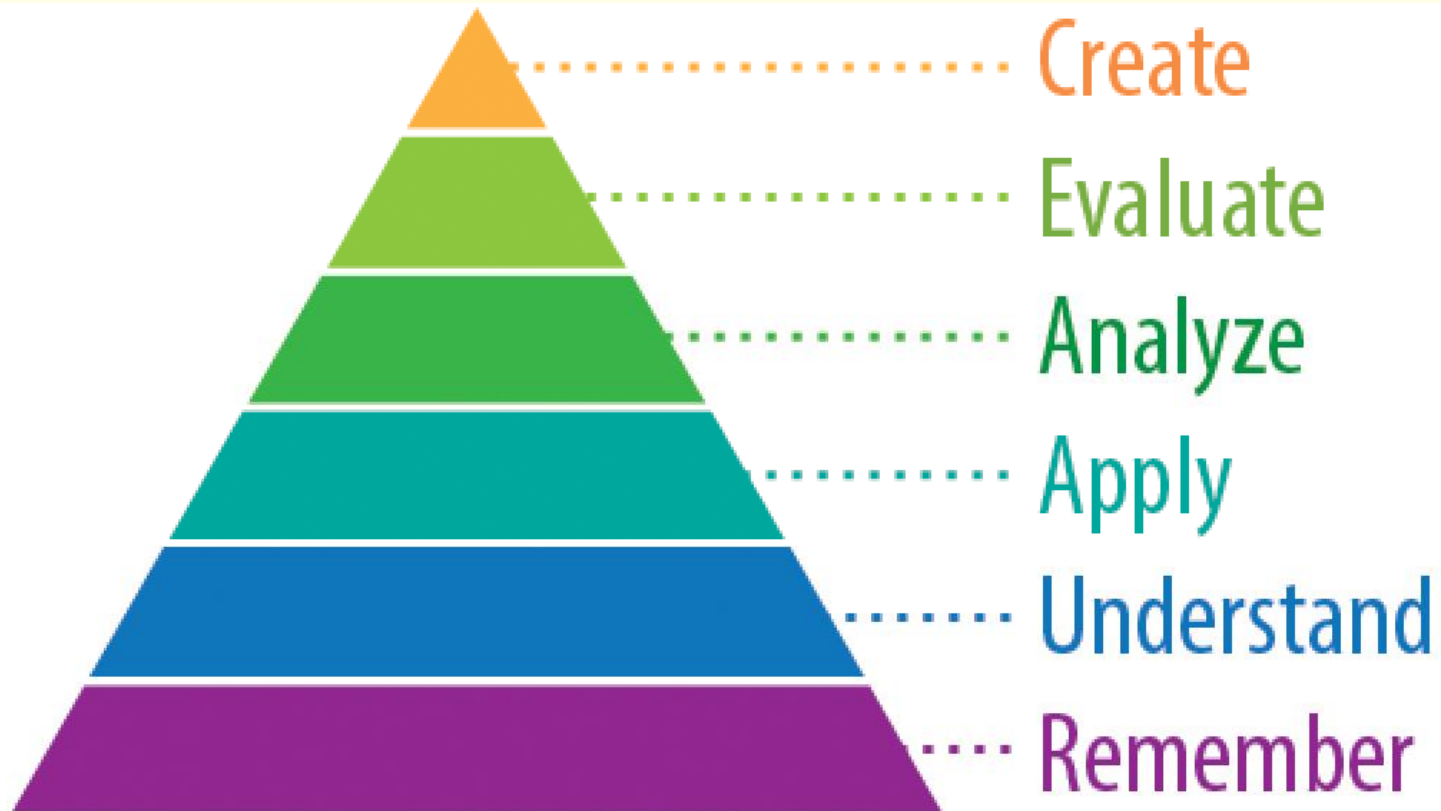
Supported learning with achievement tests

Why IGCSE ?

International Passport



Learning Approach: Develop Skills



What is the protocol agreement?



**What are the new core changes
to IGCSE in Egypt ?**

Dual grading System for IGCSE

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
<div><div><div>4 = C</div><div>and aboveand above</div></div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above.■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as achieve an A and above.■ The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.</div></div>									
A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	

- New 9-1 grading system, validated by 'Ofqual' in UK
- 9-1 allows for increased differentiation of top students
- Numerical & alphabetical from May/June 2018 in Egypt

Note: not all subjects will be offered in 9-1 system in Egypt initially

Dual Grading & Equivalencies for '*Tanseeq*'

Approved by
**Supreme Council of
State Universities**

Effective immediately

Alphabetical Grading	Equivalency
A*	100%
A	95%
B	85%
C	70%

Dual Grading & Equivalencies for '*Tanseeq*'

Numerical Grading	Equivalency
9	'Highest Grade in Egyptian System'
8	100%
7	95%
6	88%
5	82%
4	70%

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Effective immediately

New Grading & Equivalencies for '*Tanseeq*'

International AS Level

A	95%
B	85%
C	70%
D	60%

International A-level

A*	100%
A	95%
B	85%
C	70%
D	60%

What do the Awarding Bodies say ?

“We asked Cambridge schools worldwide for their views on our grading scale. The majority of our schools told us that they want to retain A-G grades, because they are so well understood....[and]...universities have made it very clear that they will treat students with 9-1 grades and students with A*-G grades equally.”* (**Cambridge IGCSE 9-1 Grading Factsheet**)

“You can’t directly compare the two scales. The legacy A–G grading scale had 8 points, and the new, 9–1 grading scale has 9 providing greater differentiation across the scale, so the two will never be fully comparable.”* (**Pearson Edexcel 9-1 Grading Factsheet**)

“Students who take 9 to 1 grades can use grade 9 to differentiate from students with A in university applications ..[and]..receive results that are in line with students in England”.* (**Oxford AQA Parents’ Guide to GCSE 9 to 1 Grades**)

**What are the
university entry requirements
for IGCSE students?**

Practical Disciplines

Medicine, Engineering, Dentistry etc.

Now → 2021



8 IGCSEs

(minimum 'C')

2 AS-levels / 1 A-level

(minimum 'D')

2021 →



7 IGCSEs

(minimum 'C')

4 AS-levels / 2 A-levels

(minimum 'D')

Theoretical Disciplines

Languages, Humanities, Arts etc.

Now → 2021



8 IGCSEs

(minimum 'C')

2021 →



8 IGCSEs

(minimum 'C')

2 AS-levels / 1 A-level

(minimum 'D')

PRIVATE



Check with each
University

Often similar to Egyptian state universities

OVERSEAS



Check with each
University

Usually require additional A-levels

University Requirements Overseas

An example: UCL

BA Economics

Requirements:

3 A –levels +
IGCSE Maths +
IGCSE English



Current & Future Entry Requirements for Egyptian State Universities

Students currently in ..	Graduating in Academic Year ..	University requirements
Year 12	2017/18	Old entry requirements
Year 11	2018/19	
Year 10	2019/20	
Year 9	2020/21	New entry requirements
Year 8 ...	2021/22	

More qualifications; more options ...

✓ *Deepen knowledge*

Advanced levels (A-levels) are **rigorous programmes** of study that build on what has been learned at IGCSE level: students develop a **deeper understanding** of their discipline while **enhancing** their **skills**. These programmes provide a good **bridge to higher education studies**.

✓ *Better international access*

Universities overseas typically require 3 A-levels for admissions. The new requirements will bring IGCSE graduates in Egypt into **closer alignment** with those taking IGCSE in other countries,. This in turn will **enhance their ability** to compete with these students for **international opportunities**, enabling a greater number of Egyptians to enter **higher education abroad**.

✓ *Raise standards of British education*

Ensuring that all students of IGCSE graduate with at least one advanced-level qualification means that students leave the British system **more qualified**. This supports efforts to **raise the profile** and **enhance the standards** within British education, sustaining the reputation of IGCSE as a **trusted** and **respected** school programme.

Important Considerations

Schools must ensure that IGCSE students demonstrate the following criteria, as required by the Ministry of Education

- 1) Completed **mandatory Year 9 examinations**, with a verified pass
- 2) Taught and examined in **Arabic, Religion, and Citizenship Studies**
- 3) Evidence of **12 years of schooling**
- 4) **New stamping process**

How are students & schools supported in the British system?

Supporting Schools

School Leaders

Conferences, forums, seminars ...



Supporting Schools

School Teachers

Trainings, networking, conferences ...



Supporting Schools

School Students

Resources, events, projects...



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CONGRATULATION TO

CAROLINE SAMY FAWZY ATALLA
TOP IN CAIRO FOR CAMBRIDGE IGCSE
LITERATURE (ENGLISH)

ST FATIMA SCHOOL NASR CITY



CONGRATULATION TO

NAYER HANY WILLIAM SANAD
TOP IN COUNTRY FOR CAMBRIDGE
INTERNATIONAL AS LEVEL ACCOUNTING

ST FATIMA SCHOOL NASR CITY



CONGRATULATION TO

RANA RAFAT MOHAMED MOSTAFA
TOP IN COUNTRY FOR CAMBRIDGE IGCSE
ECONOMICS

ST FATIMA SCHOOL NASR CITY



CONGRATULATION TO

YARA BAHAAELDIN AHMED ZEIDAN
HIGH ACHIEVEMENT FOR CAMBRIDGE
INTERNATIONAL AS LEVEL ART & DESIGN

ST FATIMA SCHOOL NASR CITY



CONGRATULATION TO

MINA EHAB SADEK IBRAHIM
TOP IN THE WORLD FOR CAMBRIDGE IGCSE
MATHEMATICS (WITHOUT COURSEWORK)

ST FATIMA SCHOOL NASR CITY

