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Important: Changes to this syllabus

For information about changes to this syllabus for 2023 and 2024, go to page 43.

The latest syllabus is version 2, published December 2020. There are no significant changes which affect teaching.

Any textbooks endorsed to support the syllabus for examination from 2017 are still suitable for use with this syllabus.



1 Why choose this syllabus?

Key benefits

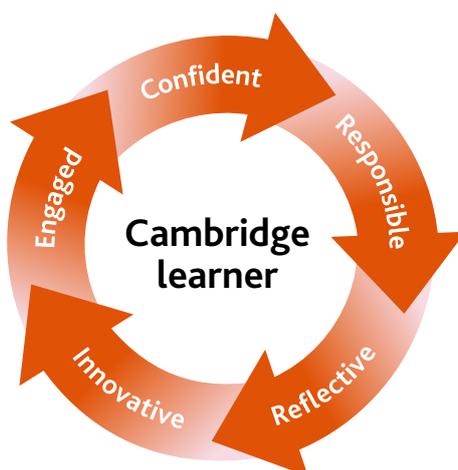
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Students can choose from 70 subjects in any combination – it is taught by over 4800 schools in over 150 countries.

Our programmes balance a thorough knowledge and understanding of a subject and help to develop the skills learners need for their next steps in education or employment.

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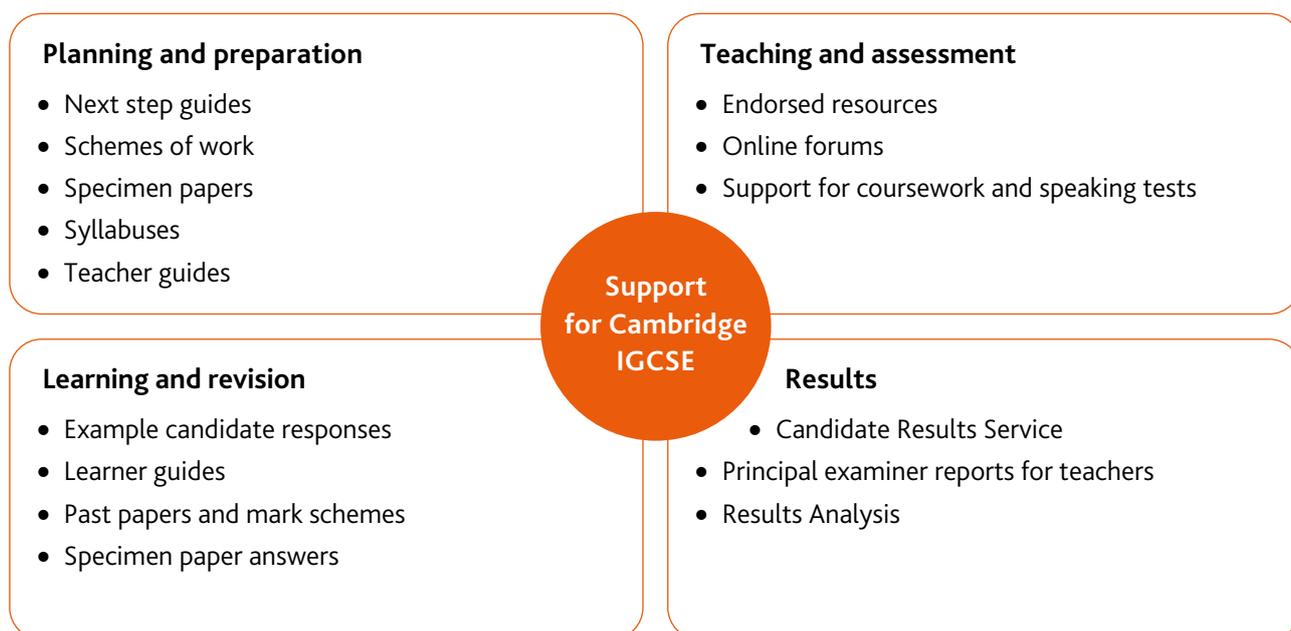
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2 Syllabus overview

Aims

The aims describe the purposes of a course based on this syllabus.

The aims are to enable students to:

- develop mathematical skills and apply them to other subjects and to the real world
- develop methods of problem-solving
- interpret mathematical results and understand their significance
- develop patience and persistence in solving problems
- develop a positive attitude towards mathematics which encourages enjoyment, fosters confidence and promotes enquiry and further learning
- appreciate the elegance of mathematics
- appreciate the difference between mathematical proof and pattern spotting
- appreciate the interdependence of different branches of mathematics and the links with other disciplines
- appreciate the international aspect of mathematics, its cultural and historical significance and its role in the real world
- read mathematics and communicate the subject in a variety of ways
- acquire a foundation of mathematical skills appropriate to further study and continued learning in mathematics.

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Content overview

Candidates may follow either the Core curriculum or the Extended curriculum. Candidates aiming for grades A* to C should follow the Extended curriculum.

All candidates will study the following topics:

- 1 Number
- 2 Algebra
- 3 Functions
- 4 Coordinate geometry
- 5 Geometry
- 6 Vectors and transformations
- 7 Mensuration
- 8 Trigonometry
- 9 Sets
- 10 Probability
- 11 Statistics

Graphic display calculator requirements

Candidates should be able to do the following using a graphic display calculator:

- sketch a graph
- produce a table of values for a function
- find zeros and local maxima or minima of a function
- find the intersection point of two graphs
- find mean, median, quartiles
- find the linear regression equation.

Other existing in-built applications should not be used and will gain no credit.

Calculators with symbolic algebraic logic are not permitted.

Any other applications and programs from external sources are not permitted.

Problem-solving requirements

Candidates should be able to:

- select the mathematics and information to model a situation
- select the appropriate tools, including ICT, to use in a situation
- apply appropriate methods and techniques to analyse a situation
- interpret and communicate the results of the analysis.

Assessment overview

All candidates take three components. Candidates will be eligible for grades A* to G.

Candidates who have studied the Core syllabus content, or who are expected to achieve grade D or below, should be entered for Paper 1, Paper 3 and Paper 5. These candidates will be eligible for grades C to G.

Candidates who have studied the Extended syllabus content, or who are expected to achieve grade C or above, should be entered for Paper 2, Paper 4 and Paper 6. These candidates will be eligible for grades A* to E.

Candidates should have a graphic display calculator for Papers 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Core candidates take:

Paper 1 (Core) 45 minutes
40 marks
Short-answer questions based on the Core curriculum
Calculators are **not** permitted
Externally assessed
This paper will be weighted at 25% of the final total mark

and:

Paper 3 (Core) 1 hour 45 minutes
96 marks
Structured questions based on the Core curriculum
Graphic display calculators are required
Externally assessed
This paper will be weighted at 60% of the final total mark

and:

Paper 5 Investigation (Core) 1 hour 10 minutes
36 marks
One investigative task based on the Core curriculum
Graphic display calculators are required
Externally assessed
This paper will be weighted at 15% of the final total mark

Total: 172 marks

Extended candidates take:

Paper 2 (Extended) 45 minutes
40 marks
Short-answer questions based on the Extended curriculum
Calculators are **not** permitted
Externally assessed
This paper will be weighted at 20% of the final total mark

and:

Paper 4 (Extended) 2 hours 15 minutes
120 marks
Structured questions based on the Extended curriculum
Graphic display calculators are required
Externally assessed
This paper will be weighted at 60% of the final total mark

and:

Paper 6 Investigation and modelling (Extended)
1 hour 40 minutes
60 marks
One investigative task and one modelling task based on the Extended curriculum
Graphic display calculators are required
Externally assessed
This paper will be weighted at 20% of the final total mark

Total: 220 marks

Information on availability is in the **Before you start** section.

Assessment objectives

The assessment objectives (AOs) are:

AO1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of mathematical techniques

Candidates should be able to recall and apply mathematical knowledge, terminology, and definitions to carry out routine procedures or straightforward tasks requiring single or multi-step solutions in mathematical or everyday situations, including:

- organising, interpreting and presenting information accurately in written, tabular, graphical and diagrammatic forms
- using and interpreting mathematical notation, terminology, diagrams and graphs correctly
- performing calculations and procedures by suitable methods, including using a calculator
- understanding and using measurement systems in everyday use
- estimating, approximating and working to degrees of accuracy appropriate to the context and converting between equivalent numerical forms
- recognising patterns and structures
- using mathematical instruments to draw and measure to an acceptable degree of accuracy
- using technology, including a graphic display calculator.

AO2 Reason, interpret and communicate mathematically when solving problems

Candidates should be able to analyse a problem, select a suitable strategy and apply appropriate techniques to obtain its solution, including:

- drawing logical conclusions from information and demonstrating the significance of mathematical or statistical results
- recognising patterns and structures in a variety of situations and forming generalisations
- communicating methods and results in a clear and logical form, using appropriate terminology, symbols, tables, diagrams and graphs
- solving unstructured problems by putting them into a structured form involving a series of processes
- applying combinations of mathematical skills and techniques to solve a problem
- solving a problem by investigation, analysis, the use of deductive skills and the application of an appropriate strategy
- using spatial awareness in solving problems
- using the concepts of mathematical modelling to describe a real-life situation and draw conclusions
- using statistical techniques to explore relationships in the real world
- using a graphic display calculator to interpret properties of functions and to solve problems
- using appropriate strategies in dealing with an investigative and a modelling task
- testing conjectures and determining their validity
- testing a mathematical model for validity and fitness for purpose.

Weighting for assessment objectives

The approximate weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives (AOs) are summarised below.

Assessment objectives as a percentage of the qualification

Assessment objective	Weighting in IGCSE Core %	Weighting in IGCSE Extended %
AO1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of mathematical techniques	70	45
AO2 Reason, interpret and communicate mathematically when solving problems	30	55
Total	100	100

Assessment objectives as a percentage of each component: Core curriculum

Assessment objective	Weighting in components %		
	Paper 1	Paper 3	Paper 5
AO1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of mathematical techniques	80	80	30
AO2 Reason, interpret and communicate mathematically when solving problems	20	20	70
Total	100	100	100

Assessment objectives as a percentage of each component: Extended curriculum

Assessment objective	Weighting in components %		
	Paper 2	Paper 4	Paper 6
AO1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of mathematical techniques	60	45	35
AO2 Reason, interpret and communicate mathematically when solving problems	40	55	65
Total	100	100	100

3 Subject content

This syllabus gives you the flexibility to design a course that will interest, challenge and engage your learners. Where appropriate you are responsible for selecting resources and examples to support your learners' study. These should be appropriate for the learners' age, cultural background and learning context as well as complying with your school policies and local legal requirements.

Candidates may follow either the Core curriculum or the Extended curriculum. Candidates aiming for grades A* to C should follow the Extended curriculum.

C1 Number

	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C1.1	Vocabulary and notation for different sets of numbers: natural numbers \mathbb{N} , primes, squares, cubes, integers \mathbb{Z} , rational numbers \mathbb{Q} , irrational numbers, real numbers \mathbb{R} , triangle numbers	$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
C1.2	Use of the four operations and brackets	
C1.3	Highest common factor (HCF), lowest common multiple (LCM)	
C1.4	Calculation of powers and roots	
C1.5	Ratio and proportion	Including use of e.g. map scales Syllabus link: C5.5
C1.6	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C1.7	Equivalences between decimals, fractions and percentages	
C1.8	Percentages including applications such as interest and profit	Knowledge of reverse percentages is not required Includes both simple and compound interest
C1.9	Meaning of exponents (powers, indices) in \mathbb{Z} Standard Form, $a \times 10^n$ where $1 \leq a < 10$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ Rules for exponents	
C1.10	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C1.11	Estimating, rounding, decimal places and significant figures	
C1.12	Calculations involving time: seconds (s), minutes (min), hours (h), days, months, years including the relation between consecutive units	1 year = 365 days
C1.13	Problems involving speed, distance and time	

E1 Number

	Extended curriculum	Notes/Examples
E1.1	Vocabulary and notation for different sets of numbers: natural numbers \mathbb{N} , primes, squares, cubes, integers \mathbb{Z} , rational numbers \mathbb{Q} , irrational numbers, real numbers \mathbb{R} , triangle numbers	$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
E1.2	Use of the four operations and brackets	
E1.3	Highest common factor (HCF), lowest common multiple (LCM)	
E1.4	Calculation of powers and roots	
E1.5	Ratio and proportion	Including use of e.g. map scales Syllabus link: E5.5
E1.6	Absolute value $ x $	
E1.7	Equivalences between decimals, fractions and percentages	
E1.8	Percentages including applications such as interest and profit	Includes both simple and compound interest Includes percentiles Syllabus links: E3.2, E11.7, E3.10
E1.9	Meaning of exponents (powers, indices) in \mathbb{Q} Standard Form, $a \times 10^n$ where $1 \leq a < 10$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ Rules for exponents	
E1.10	Surds (radicals), simplification of square root expressions Rationalisation of the denominator	e.g. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3} - 1}$
E1.11	Estimating, rounding, decimal places and significant figures	
E1.12	Calculations involving time: seconds (s), minutes (min), hours (h), days, months, years including the relation between consecutive units	1 year = 365 days
E1.13	Problems involving speed, distance and time	

C2 Algebra

	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C2.1	Writing, showing and interpretation of inequalities, including those on the real number line	Syllabus link: C9.2
C2.2	Solution of simple linear inequalities	
C2.3	Solution of linear equations	
C2.4	Simple indices – multiplying and dividing	e.g. $8x^5 \div 2x^3$
C2.5	Derivation, rearrangement and evaluation of simple formulae	
C2.6	Solution of simultaneous linear equations in two variables	
C2.7	Expansion of brackets	Including e.g. $(x - 5)(2x + 1)$
C2.8	Factorisation: common factor only	e.g. $6x^2 + 9x = 3x(2x + 3)$
C2.9	Algebraic fractions: simplification	e.g. $\frac{2x^2}{6x}$
	addition or subtraction of fractions with integer denominators	e.g. $\frac{2x}{3} - \frac{y}{5}$
	multiplication or division of two simple fractions	e.g. $\frac{p}{q} \div \frac{2t}{3q}$
C2.10	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C2.11	Use of a graphic display calculator to solve equations, including those which may be unfamiliar	e.g. $2x = x^2$ Syllabus link: C3.6

E2 Algebra		
	Extended curriculum	Notes/Examples
E2.1	Writing, showing and interpretation of inequalities, including those on the real number line	Syllabus link: E9.2
E2.2	Solution of linear and quadratic inequalities Solution of inequalities using a graphic display calculator	e.g. $2x^2 + 5x - 3 < 0$
E2.3	Solution of linear equations including those with fractional expressions	
E2.4	Indices	
E2.5	Derivation, rearrangement and evaluation of formulae	
E2.6	Solution of simultaneous linear equations in two variables	
E2.7	Expansion of brackets, including the square of a binomial	
E2.8	Factorisation: common factor difference of squares trinomial four term	e.g. $6x^2 + 9x = 3x(2x + 3)$ e.g. $9x^2 - 16y^2 = (3x - 4y)(3x + 4y)$ e.g. $6x^2 + 11x - 10 = (3x - 2)(2x + 5)$ e.g. $xy - 3x + 2y - 6 = (x + 2)(y - 3)$
E2.9	Algebraic fractions: simplification, including use of factorisation addition or subtraction of fractions with linear denominators or single term multiplication or division and simplification of two fractions	$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}$ or $\frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{xy^2}$
E2.10	Solution of quadratic equations: by factorisation using a graphic display calculator using the quadratic formula	Syllabus link: E3.6 Formula given
E2.11	Use of a graphic display calculator to solve equations, including those which may be unfamiliar	e.g. $2x - 1 = \frac{1}{x^3}$ Syllabus link: C3.6

C2 Algebra

C2.12 Core curriculum continued

Notes/Examples

Continuation of a sequence of numbers or patterns

Determination of the n th term

Use of a difference method to find the formula for a linear sequence or a simple quadratic sequence

C2.13 *Extended curriculum only*

E2 Algebra**E2.12 Extended curriculum continued****Notes/Examples**

Continuation of a sequence of numbers or patterns

Determination of the n th term

Use of a difference method to find the formula for a linear sequence, a quadratic sequence or a cubic sequence

Identification of a simple geometric sequence and determination of its formula

- E2.13** Direct variation (proportion) $y \propto x$, $y \propto x^2$, $y \propto x^3$, $y \propto \sqrt{x}$
Inverse variation $y \propto \frac{1}{x}$, $y \propto \frac{1}{x^2}$, $y \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$
Best variation model for given data

Syllabus link: modelling

C3 Functions

	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C3.1	Notation Domain and range Mapping diagrams	Domain is \mathbb{R} unless stated otherwise
C3.2	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C3.3	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C3.4	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C3.5	Understanding of the concept of asymptotes and graphical identification of simple examples parallel to the axes	
C3.6	Use of a graphic display calculator to: sketch the graph of a function produce a table of values find zeros, local maxima or minima find the intersection of the graphs of functions	Including unfamiliar functions not mentioned explicitly in this syllabus Vertex of quadratic Syllabus link: C2.11
C3.7	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C3.8	Description and identification, using the language of transformations, of the changes to the graph of $y = f(x)$ when $y = f(x) + k$, $y = f(x + k)$	k an integer Syllabus link: C6.4
C3.9	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C3.10	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	

E3 Functions		Notes/Examples
	Extended curriculum	
E3.1	Notation Domain and range Mapping diagrams	Domain is \mathbb{R} unless stated otherwise
E3.2	Recognition of the following function types from the shape of their graphs: linear $f(x) = ax + b$ quadratic $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ cubic $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ reciprocal $f(x) = \frac{a}{x}$ exponential $f(x) = a^x$ with $0 < a < 1$ or $a > 1$ absolute value $f(x) = ax + b $ trigonometric $f(x) = a \sin(bx); a \cos(bx); \tan x$	Syllabus link: modelling Some of a, b, c or d may be 0 Syllabus link: E4.6 Syllabus link: E4.8 Compound interest Syllabus link: E1.8 Including period and amplitude Syllabus link: E8.8
E3.3	Determination of at most two of a, b, c or d in simple cases of E3.2	Syllabus link: modelling
E3.4	Finding the quadratic function given vertex and another point, x -intercepts and a point, vertex or x -intercepts with $a = 1$	$y = a(x - h)^2 + k$ has a vertex of (h, k)
E3.5	Understanding of the concept of asymptotes and graphical identification of simple examples parallel to the axes	e.g. $f(x) = \tan x$ asymptotes at $90^\circ, 270^\circ$, etc. Excludes algebraic derivation of asymptotes Excludes oblique asymptotes
E3.6	Use of a graphic display calculator to: sketch the graph of a function produce a table of values find zeros, local maxima or minima find the intersection of the graphs of functions	Including unfamiliar functions not mentioned explicitly in this syllabus Syllabus link: E2.11 Vertex of quadratic Syllabus link: E2.10
E3.7	Simplify expressions such as $f(g(x))$ where $g(x)$ is a linear expression	
E3.8	Description and identification, using the language of transformations, of the changes to the graph of $y = f(x)$ when $y = f(x) + k, y = kf(x),$ $y = f(x + k)$	Syllabus link: E6.4 k an integer
E3.9	Inverse function f^{-1}	Syllabus link: E6.5
E3.10	Logarithmic function as the inverse of the exponential function $y = a^x$ equivalent to $x = \log_a y$ Rules for logarithms corresponding to rules for exponents Solution to $a^x = b$ as $x = \frac{\log b}{\log a}$	Syllabus link: E1.8 $\log x$ is $\log_{10} x$ unless stated otherwise

C4 Coordinate geometry

	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C4.1	Plotting of points and reading from a graph in the Cartesian plane	Syllabus link: C11.1
C4.2	Distance between two points	Syllabus link: C5.6
C4.3	Mid-point of a line segment	
C4.4	Gradient of a line segment	
C4.5	Gradient of parallel lines	
C4.6	Equation of a straight line as $y = mx + c$ or $x = k$	
C4.7	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C4.8	Symmetry of diagrams or graphs in the Cartesian plane	Syllabus link: C5.2

E4 Coordinate geometry

	Extended curriculum	Notes/Examples
E4.1	Plotting of points and reading from a graph in the Cartesian plane	Syllabus link: E11.1
E4.2	Distance between two points	Syllabus links: E5.6 and E6.3
E4.3	Mid-point of a line segment	
E4.4	Gradient of a line segment	
E4.5	Gradient of parallel and perpendicular lines	
E4.6	Equation of a straight line as $y = mx + c$ and $ax + by = d$ (a , b and d integer)	Syllabus link: E3.2
E4.7	Linear inequalities in the Cartesian plane	Shade unwanted regions
E4.8	Symmetry of diagrams or graphs in the Cartesian plane	Syllabus links: E3.2 and E5.2

C5 Geometry		
	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C5.1	Use and interpret the geometrical terms: acute, obtuse, right angle, reflex, parallel, perpendicular, congruent, similar Use and interpret vocabulary of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons and simple solid figures	e.g. pyramids including tetrahedrons
C5.2	Line and rotational symmetry	Syllabus link: C4.8
C5.3	Angle measurement in degrees	
C5.4	Angles round a point Angles on a straight line and intersecting straight lines Vertically opposite angles Alternate and corresponding angles on parallel lines Angle sum of a triangle, quadrilateral and polygons Interior and exterior angles of a polygon Angles of regular polygons	
C5.5	Similarity Calculation of lengths of similar figures	Syllabus link: C1.5
C5.6	Pythagoras' Theorem in two dimensions Including: chord length distance of a chord from the centre of a circle distances on a grid	Syllabus link: C4.2
C5.7	Use and interpret vocabulary of circles Properties of circles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tangent perpendicular to radius at the point of contact tangents from a point angle in a semicircle 	Includes sector and segment

E5 Geometry

	Extended curriculum	Notes/Examples
E5.1	Use and interpret the geometrical terms: acute, obtuse, right angle, reflex, parallel, perpendicular, congruent, similar Use and interpret vocabulary of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons and simple solid figures	e.g. pyramids including tetrahedrons
E5.2	Line and rotational symmetry	Syllabus link: E4.8
E5.3	Angle measurement in degrees	
E5.4	Angles round a point Angles on a straight line and intersecting straight lines Vertically opposite angles Alternate and corresponding angles on parallel lines Angle sum of a triangle, quadrilateral and polygons Interior and exterior angles of a polygon Angles of regular polygons	
E5.5	Similarity Calculation of lengths of similar figures Use of area and volume scale factors	Syllabus link: E1.5
E5.6	Pythagoras' Theorem and its converse in two and three dimensions Including: chord length distance of a chord from the centre of a circle distances on a grid	Syllabus links: E6.3 and E4.2
E5.7	Use and interpret vocabulary of circles Properties of circles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tangent perpendicular to radius at the point of contact • tangents from a point • angle in a semicircle • angles at the centre and at the circumference on the same arc • cyclic quadrilateral • alternate segment 	Includes sector and segment

C6 Vectors and transformations

	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C6.1	Notation: component form $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$	
C6.2	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C6.3	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C6.4	Transformations on the Cartesian plane: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• translation• reflection• rotation• enlargement (reduction) Description of a transformation	Syllabus link: C3.8
C6.5	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C6.6	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	

E6 Vectors and transformations

	Extended curriculum	Notes/Examples
E6.1	Notation: component form $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$	
E6.2	Addition and subtraction of vectors Negative of a vector Multiplication of a vector by a scalar	
E6.3	Find the magnitude of $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$	Syllabus links: E4.2 and E5.6
E6.4	Transformations on the Cartesian plane: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• translation• reflection• rotation• enlargement (reduction)• stretch Description of a transformation	Syllabus link: E3.8
E6.5	Inverse of a transformation	Syllabus link: E3.9
E6.6	Combined transformations	

C7 Mensuration

	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C7.1	Units: mm, cm, m, km mm ² , cm ² , m ² , ha, km ² mm ³ , cm ³ , m ³ ml, cl, l, g, kg, t	Convert between units
C7.2	Perimeter and area of rectangle, triangle and compound shapes derived from these	Formula given for area of triangle Syllabus link: C5.1
C7.3	Circumference and area of a circle Arc length and area of sector	Formulae given for circumference and area of a circle
C7.4	Surface area and volume of prism and pyramid (in particular, cuboid, cylinder and cone) Surface area and volume of sphere and hemisphere	Formulae given for curved surface areas of cylinder, cone and sphere; volume of pyramid, cone, cylinder, prism and sphere
C7.5	Areas and volumes of compound shapes	Simple cases only

E7 Mensuration**Extended curriculum****Notes/Examples**

E7.1	Units: mm, cm, m, km mm ² , cm ² , m ² , ha, km ² mm ³ , cm ³ , m ³ ml, cl, l, g, kg, t	Convert between units
E7.2	Perimeter and area of rectangle, triangle and compound shapes derived from these	Syllabus link: E5.1
E7.3	Circumference and area of a circle Arc length and area of sector	
E7.4	Surface area and volume of prism and pyramid (in particular, cuboid, cylinder and cone) Surface area and volume of sphere and hemisphere	Formulae given for curved surface areas of cylinder, cone and sphere; volume of pyramid, cone, cylinder, and sphere
E7.5	Areas and volumes of compound shapes	

C8 Trigonometry

	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C8.1	Right-angled triangle trigonometry	
C8.2	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C8.3	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C8.4	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C8.5	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C8.6	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	
C8.7	Applications: three-figure bearings and North, East, South, West problems in two dimensions	
C8.8	<i>Extended curriculum only</i>	

E8 Trigonometry

	Extended curriculum	Notes/Examples
E8.1	Right-angled triangle trigonometry	
E8.2	Exact values for the trigonometric ratios of $0^\circ, 30^\circ, 45^\circ, 60^\circ, 90^\circ$	
E8.3	Extension to the four quadrants, i.e. 0° – 360°	
E8.4	Sine rule	Formula given, ASA SSA (ambiguous case)
E8.5	Cosine rule	Formula given, SAS, SSS
E8.6	Area of triangle	Formula given
E8.7	Applications: three-figure bearings and North, East, South, West problems in two and three dimensions	
E8.8	Properties of the graphs of $y = \sin x, y = \cos x, y = \tan x$	x in degrees Syllabus links: E3.2 and E3.8

C9 Sets

	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C9.1	Notation and meaning for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of elements in A ($n(A)$) • is an element of (\in) • is not an element of (\notin) • complement of A (A') • empty set (\emptyset or $\{ \}$) • universal set (U) • is a subset of (\subseteq) • is a proper subset of (\subset) 	
C9.2	Sets in descriptive form $\{ x \mid \quad \}$ or as a list	Syllabus link: C2.1
C9.3	Venn diagrams with at most two sets	Syllabus link: C10.6
C9.4	Intersection and union of sets	

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E9.2	Sets in descriptive form $\{ x \mid \quad \}$ or as a list	Syllabus link: E2.1
E9.3	Venn diagrams with at most three sets	Syllabus link: E10.6
E9.4	Intersection and union of sets	

C10 Probability

	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C10.1	Probability $P(A)$ as a fraction, decimal or percentage Significance of its value	
C10.2	Relative frequency as an estimate of probability	
C10.3	Expected frequency of occurrences	
C10.4	Combining events	simple cases only
C10.5	Tree diagrams including successive selection with or without replacement	simple cases only
C10.6	Probabilities from Venn diagrams and tables	Syllabus link: C9.3

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E10.3	Expected frequency of occurrences	
E10.4	Combining events: the addition rule $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$ the multiplication rule $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$	Mutually exclusive Independent
E10.5	Tree diagrams including successive selection with or without replacement	
E10.6	Probabilities from Venn diagrams and tables	Syllabus link: E9.3

C11 Statistics

	Core curriculum	Notes/Examples
C11.1	Reading and interpretation of graphs or tables of data	Syllabus link: C4.1
C11.2	Discrete and continuous data	
C11.3	(Compound) bar chart, line graph, pie chart, pictograms, stem-and-leaf diagram, scatter diagram	
C11.4	Mean, mode, median, quartiles and range from lists of discrete data Mean, mode, median and range from grouped discrete data	
C11.5	Mean from continuous data	
C11.6	Cumulative frequency table and curve Median, quartiles and interquartile range	Read from curve
C11.7	Use of a graphic display calculator to calculate mean, median and quartiles for discrete data and mean for grouped data	
C11.8	Understanding and description of correlation (positive, negative or zero) with reference to a scatter diagram Straight line of best fit (by eye) through the mean on a scatter diagram	The coefficient of correlation is not required

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E11.7	Use of a graphic display calculator to calculate mean, median, and quartiles for discrete data and mean for grouped data	Syllabus link: E1.8
E11.8	Understanding and description of correlation (positive, negative or zero) with reference to a scatter diagram Straight line of best fit (by eye) through the mean on a scatter diagram Use a graphic display calculator to find equation of linear regression	The coefficient of correlation is not required

4 Details of the assessment

All candidates take **three** papers.

Candidates who have studied the Core syllabus content should be entered for Paper 1, Paper 3 and Paper 5. These candidates will be eligible for grades C to G.

Candidates who have studied the Extended syllabus content should be entered for Paper 2, Paper 4 and Paper 6. These candidates will be eligible for grades A* to E.

Core assessment

Paper 1 (Core)

45 minutes, 40 marks

Candidates answer **all** questions.

This paper consists of short-answer questions based on the Core curriculum.

Calculators are **not** permitted.

The paper is designed to assess knowledge and use of mathematical skills and methods.

Any part of the syllabus content may be tested in this paper but questions will focus on concepts which can be assessed without access to a calculator.

This is a compulsory component for Core candidates.

This written paper is an externally set assessment, marked by Cambridge International.

Paper 3 (Core)

1 hour 45 minutes, 96 marks

Candidates answer **all** questions.

This paper consists of 11–15 structured questions based on the Core curriculum.

Graphic display calculators are required.

Some of the questions will assess the use of the graphic display calculator functions described on page 6.

This is a compulsory component for Core candidates.

This written paper is an externally set assessment, marked by Cambridge International.

Paper 5 (Core)

1 hour 10 minutes, 36 marks

Candidates answer **all** questions.

This paper consists of an investigative task based on the Core curriculum.

Graphic display calculators are required.

Candidates are assessed on their ability to investigate and solve a more open-ended problem.

Clear communication and full reasoning are especially important and mark schemes reflect this.

This is a compulsory component for Core candidates.

This written paper is an externally set assessment, marked by Cambridge International.

Extended assessment

Paper 2 (Extended)

45 minutes, 40 marks

Candidates answer **all** questions.

This paper consists of short-answer questions based on the Extended curriculum.

Calculators are **not** permitted.

The paper is designed to assess knowledge and use of mathematical skills and methods.

Any part of the syllabus content may be tested in this paper but questions will focus on concepts which can be assessed without access to a calculator.

This is a compulsory component for Extended candidates.

This written paper is an externally set assessment, marked by Cambridge International.

Paper 4 (Extended)

2 hours 15 minutes, 120 marks

Candidates answer **all** questions.

This paper consists of 11–15 structured questions based on the Extended curriculum.

Graphic display calculators are required.

Some of the questions will assess the use of the graphic display calculator functions described on page 6.

This is a compulsory component for Extended candidates.

This written paper is an externally set assessment, marked by Cambridge International.

Paper 6 Investigation and modelling (Extended)

1 hour 40 minutes, 60 marks

Candidates answer **all** questions.

This paper consists of one investigation task and one modelling task based on the Extended curriculum.

Graphic display calculators are required.

Candidates are assessed on their ability to investigate, model, and solve more open-ended problems.

Clear communication and full reasoning are especially important and mark schemes reflect this.

This is a compulsory component for Extended candidates.

This written paper is an externally set assessment, marked by Cambridge International.

List of formulae

List of formulae provided on Core Papers 1 and 3

Area, A , of triangle, base b , height h . $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$

Area, A , of circle, radius r . $A = \pi r^2$

Circumference, C , of circle, radius r . $C = 2\pi r$

Curved surface area, A , of cylinder of radius r , height h . $A = 2\pi rh$

Curved surface area, A , of cone of radius r , sloping edge l . $A = \pi rl$

Curved surface area, A , of sphere of radius r . $A = 4\pi r^2$

Volume, V , of prism, cross-sectional area A , length l . $V = Al$

Volume, V , of pyramid, base area A , height h . $V = \frac{1}{3}Ah$

Volume, V , of cylinder of radius r , height h . $V = \pi r^2 h$

Volume, V , of cone of radius r , height h . $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$

Volume, V , of sphere of radius r . $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

List of formulae provided on Extended Papers 2 and 4

For the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Curved surface area, A , of cylinder of radius r , height h . $A = 2\pi rh$

Curved surface area, A , of cone of radius r , sloping edge l . $A = \pi rl$

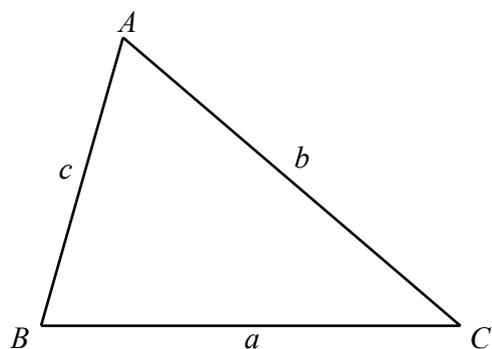
Curved surface area, A , of sphere of radius r . $A = 4\pi r^2$

Volume, V , of pyramid, base area A , height h . $V = \frac{1}{3}Ah$

Volume, V , of cylinder of radius r , height h . $V = \pi r^2 h$

Volume, V , of cone of radius r , height h . $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$

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$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin A$$

Command words

Command words and their meanings help candidates know what is expected from them in the exams. The table below includes command words used in the assessment for this syllabus. The use of the command word will relate to the subject context.

Command word	What it means
Calculate	work out from given facts, figures or information, generally using a calculator
Compare	identify/comment on similarities and/or differences
Describe	state the points of a topic/give characteristics and main features
Explain	set out purposes or reasons / make the relationships between things evident / provide why and / or how and support with relevant evidence
Give	produce an answer from a given source or recall/memory
Investigate	use available information to search systematically for a possible solution
Plot	mark point(s) on a graph
Revise	change to reflect further given information
Show (that)	provide structured evidence that leads to a given result
Sketch	make a simple freehand drawing showing the key features
Work out	calculate from given facts, figures or information with or without the use of a calculator
Write	give an answer in a specific form
Write down	give an answer without significant working

5 What else you need to know

This section is an overview of other information you need to know about this syllabus. It will help to share the administrative information with your exams officer so they know when you will need their support. Find more information about our administrative processes at www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide

Before you start

Previous study

We recommend that learners starting this course should have studied a mathematics curriculum such as the Cambridge Lower Secondary programme or equivalent national educational framework.

Guided learning hours

We design Cambridge IGCSE syllabuses based on learners having about 130 guided learning hours for each subject during the course but this is for guidance only. The number of hours a learner needs to achieve the qualification may vary according to local practice and their previous experience of the subject.

Availability and timetables

All Cambridge schools are allocated to one of six administrative zones. Each zone has a specific timetable.

You can view the timetable for your administrative zone at www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables

You can enter candidates in the June and November exam series. If your school is in India, you can also enter your candidates in the March exam series.

Check you are using the syllabus for the year the candidate is taking the exam.

Private candidates can enter for this syllabus. For more information, please refer to the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*.

Combining with other syllabuses

Candidates can take this syllabus alongside other Cambridge International syllabuses in a single exam series. The only exceptions are:

- Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics (0580)
- Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics (9–1) (0980)
- Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics (US) (0444)
- Cambridge O Level Mathematics D (4024)
- syllabuses with the same title at the same level.

Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) and Cambridge O Level syllabuses are at the same level.

Group awards: Cambridge ICE

Cambridge ICE (International Certificate of Education) is a group award for Cambridge IGCSE. It allows schools to offer a broad and balanced curriculum by recognising the achievements of learners who pass exams in a range of different subjects.

Learn more about Cambridge ICE at www.cambridgeinternational.org/cambridgeice

Making entries

Exams officers are responsible for submitting entries to Cambridge International. We encourage them to work closely with you to make sure they enter the right number of candidates for the right combination of syllabus components. Entry option codes and instructions for submitting entries are in the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*. Your exams officer has a copy of this guide.

Exam administration

To keep our exams secure, we produce question papers for different areas of the world, known as administrative zones. We allocate all Cambridge schools to one administrative zone determined by their location. Each zone has a specific timetable. Some of our syllabuses offer candidates different assessment options. An entry option code is used to identify the components the candidate will take relevant to the administrative zone and the available assessment options.

Support for exams officers

We know how important exams officers are to the successful running of exams. We provide them with the support they need to make your entries on time. Your exams officer will find this support, and guidance for all other phases of the Cambridge Exams Cycle, at www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide

Retakes

Candidates can retake the whole qualification as many times as they want to. Information on retake entries is at www.cambridgeinternational.org/entries

Equality and inclusion

We have taken great care to avoid bias of any kind in the preparation of this syllabus and related assessment materials. In our effort to comply with the UK Equality Act (2010) we have taken all reasonable steps to avoid any direct and indirect discrimination.

The standard assessment arrangements may present barriers for candidates with impairments. Where a candidate is eligible, we may be able to make arrangements to enable that candidate to access assessments and receive recognition of their attainment. We do not agree access arrangements if they give candidates an unfair advantage over others or if they compromise the standards being assessed.

Candidates who cannot access the assessment of any component may be able to receive an award based on the parts of the assessment they have completed.

Information on access arrangements is in the *Cambridge Handbook* at www.cambridgeinternational.org/eoguide

Language

This syllabus and the related assessment materials are available in English only.

After the exam

Grading and reporting

Grades A*, A, B, C, D, E, F or G indicate the standard a candidate achieved at Cambridge IGCSE.

A* is the highest and G is the lowest. 'Ungraded' means that the candidate's performance did not meet the standard required for grade G. 'Ungraded' is reported on the statement of results but not on the certificate.

In specific circumstances your candidates may see one of the following letters on their statement of results:

- Q (PENDING)
- X (NO RESULT).

These letters do not appear on the certificate.

On the statement of results and certificates, Cambridge IGCSE is shown as INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE).

How students and teachers can use the grades

Assessment at Cambridge IGCSE has two purposes:

- to measure learning and achievement

The assessment:

- confirms achievement and performance in relation to the knowledge, understanding and skills specified in the syllabus[, to the levels described in the grade descriptions].

- to show likely future success

The outcomes:

- help predict which students are well prepared for a particular course or career and/or which students are more likely to be successful
- help students choose the most suitable course or career.

Grade descriptions

Grade descriptions are provided to give an indication of the standards of achievement candidates awarded particular grades are likely to show. Weakness in one aspect of the examination may be balanced by a better performance in some other aspect.

Grade descriptions for Cambridge IGCSE International Mathematics will be published after the first assessment of the syllabus in 2020. Find more information at www.cambridgeinternational.org/0607

Changes to this syllabus for 2023 and 2024

The latest version of this syllabus is version 2, published December 2020.

There are no significant changes which affect teaching.

You must read the whole syllabus before planning your teaching programme.

Changes to version 2 of this syllabus, published December 2020

Changes to syllabus

- In the section 'Assessment objectives as a percentage of each component: Core curriculum' on page 9 of the syllabus, the title of the second column of weightings has been corrected from 'Paper 2' to 'Paper 3'.
 - In line 5 on page 10 of the syllabus, the sentence has been corrected to read 'Candidates aiming for grades A* to C should follow the Extended curriculum.'
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Significant changes to the syllabus are indicated by black vertical lines either side of the text.

Any textbooks endorsed to support the syllabus for examination from 2020 are suitable for use with this syllabus.



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Zhai Xiaoning, Deputy Principal, The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China

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