

## Subject Information

### GCSE Examinations

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GCSE

Two copies of a poster giving details of subject contributions for display in staff room areas is enclosed with this issue of **AQA Examinations Update**.

#### Business Studies B (3133)

The maximum marks for Paper 1 and Paper 3, both Foundation Tier and Higher Tier, have in the past been 105. With effect from the June 2007 examination series the maximum mark for each paper will be 94. Four of these marks will be for Quality of Written Communication. This will not affect the nature of the questions that will be set in the papers.

#### Design and Technology (Electronic Products) (3541)

#### Design and Technology (Electronic Products) (Short Course) (3551)

Please note that the reference to the use of colour pencils has been removed from the instructions to candidates on the front of the Question Papers for summer 2007 and onwards. This applies to Full and Short Course and both the Higher and Foundation Tiers.

#### Information and Communication Technology A (3521)

#### Information and Communication Technology A (Short Course) (3527)

If you are intending to enter candidates for the above specifications in 2009 you must complete an order form for copies of the *Candidate Booklet* and related material for the AQA-set Assignment component. You may use the order form that accompanies this despatch or download a copy from the *Publications* section of the AQA Website.

#### Leisure and Tourism (Double Award) (3841)

### Modifications to the Portfolio Assessment schemes for the 2007 examination series onwards

May we remind you that modifications have been made to the two internally assessed units; the Assessment requirements (section 9.3) and Assessment marking criteria (9.4) for Unit 2, Marketing in Leisure and Tourism and the Assessment evidence (10.3) and the Assessment marking criteria (10.4) for Unit 3, Customer Service in Leisure and Tourism.

Guidance on assessment for Unit 3 (10.7) has also been modified.

Please check the 2007 version of the specification, where modifications have been side barred. This may be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website.

### Unit 3 Customer Service in Leisure and Tourism

Advice and guidance for evidence for Strands C and D of Unit 3 can be found on the *Qualifications/Applied GCSE/Leisure and Tourism/Guidance* section of the AQA Website.

**Media Studies (3571)**

The Controlled Test topic for 2007 is **The Music Press**.

The *preliminary materials* for these examinations may be issued on or after **27 April 2007** and no tier changes are permitted after this date. Scripts must be with the examiner designated for the correct tier (3571/F or 3571/H) no later than **31 May 2007**.

Science A (4461)

Science B (4462)

Additional Science (4463)

Additional Applied Science (4863)

Biology (4411)

Chemistry (4421)

Physics (4451)

Applied Science (Double Award) (4861)

**Rules for certification of subject awards**

A brief note about the entry, aggregation and certification rules for the new GCSE Sciences was published in the December 2006 issue of *AQA Examinations Update*. We have now produced a *Guidance for centres* leaflet explaining the rules in detail and giving examples of how they work.

A copy of the leaflet is **enclosed with this issue of *AQA Examinations Update***. The leaflet may also be downloaded from the *GCSE Sciences* section of the AQA Website.

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### GCE Examinations

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A poster for AQA's *New GCE AS/A2 Levels Implementation Timetable* is **enclosed with this issue of AQA Examinations Update**. Please could Examinations Officers display the poster in a prominent place in the staff room. The poster can be read/downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website.

Leisure Studies (8641) Advanced Subsidiary  
 Leisure Studies (Double Award) (8643) Advanced Subsidiary  
 Leisure Studies (8646) Advanced  
 Leisure Studies (Double Award) (8649) Advanced

GCE

### Teachers' Guide

A new command word for GCE Leisure Studies examinations has been added to the 2006/7 Teachers' Guide:

"Assess" now appears in the Glossary of Command Words in section 4.5. The definition is the same as the one for "Make a reasoned assessment".

Mathematics (5361) Advanced Subsidiary  
 Mathematics (6361) Advanced  
 Pure Mathematics (5366) Advanced Subsidiary  
 Pure Mathematics (6366) Advanced  
 Further Mathematics (5371) Advanced Subsidiary  
 Further Mathematics (6371) Advanced  
 Statistics (5381) Advanced Subsidiary  
 Statistics (6381) Advanced

### Formulae and statistical tables

The **only** formulae and statistical tables to be used in the above examinations are contained in the **blue Formulae Booklet**, first issued in September 2004. If you need top-up supplies of the booklet, please contact AQA Logistics Centre (Guildford), Deacon Field office, Stag Hill House, Guildford, GU2 7XJ, **on:** 0870 410 1036, **fax:** 01483 452819 or 01483 556130, **by Monday 30 April** for examinations in the May/June series. The order form for 2008 copies accompanies this despatch as stated in section 2.2.

Please **destroy** any copies that you may still hold of the **white** formulae booklet (marked for use with Mathematics specification A and Mathematics and Statistics specification B) as these are no longer current.

Media Studies (5571) Advanced Subsidiary  
Media Studies (6571) Advanced

The stimulus material for **Unit One: Reading the Media** (MED1) and for **Unit Six: Comparative Critical Analysis** (MED6) in the June 2007 examination will be **moving image based**.

Statistics (5381) Advanced Subsidiary  
Statistics (6381) Advanced

Please see notes under 'Mathematics'.

Travel and Tourism (8651) Advanced Subsidiary  
Travel and Tourism (Double Award) (8653) Advanced Subsidiary  
Travel and Tourism (8656) Advanced  
Travel and Tourism (Double Award) (8659) Advanced

### Teachers' Guide

A new command word for GCE Travel and Tourism examinations has been added to the 2006/7 Teachers' Guide:

"Assess" now appears in the Glossary of Command Words in section 4.5. The definition is the same as the one for "Make a reasoned assessment".

AS Use of Mathematics (5351)

Please see note under 'Other Qualifications'.

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### Key Skills

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Basic Skills (8990)  
Key Skills (9900) (KS2004)  
Wider Key Skills (9970) (KS2004)

### Administration Handbook for Key Skills

The new *Administration Handbook for Key Skills*, version 1.2, is now available on the AQA Website. It contains additional information on the internal standardisation process as applicable to the assessment of the portfolios. Additionally, QCA has made minor amendments to the Proxy Qualifications for Key Skills which are listed in Appendix A of the *Handbook*. The qualifications which have been added to the proxy list are:

Edexcel Level 1 Award in Digital Applications for IT Users  
Edexcel Level 1 Certificate in Digital Applications for IT Users  
Edexcel Level 1 Diploma in Digital Applications for IT Users

Each of these qualifications will serve as proxies for Information and Communication Technology Level 1 Key Skills test and portfolio.

### Administration Handbook for the Wider Key Skills

The *Administration Handbook for Wider Key Skills*, version 1.2, has been revised to include additional information on the internal standardisation process as well as updated coursework documentation for 2007. There are new *Candidate Assessment Records* and *Part A Record Forms*. The latter now contains some helpful case study material which can be used as a teaching resource or to capture the additional Part A evidence which a candidate may require. The *Handbook* is now available on our Website.

### Design and Technology (4941-4945, 4947)

Please note that there is a change to the wording of the Specification. You may read and/or download the revised specification from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website.

The paragraph below replaces with immediate effect the current wording which appears in the *2008 Entry Level Certificate Design and Technology Specification 4941-4945, 4947*, optional Unit 4 'Food Handling, Preparation and Storage, 12.1 Unit description page 26.

'This workroom-based unit is designed to introduce the student to food handling, preparation and the storage of food. At Entry 1, the student will learn about food spoilage and storage. At Entry 2 the student will, additionally, suggest remedies for these issues, identify areas of concern in a making project and identify and state the steps necessary for the safe handling of food, showing the correct storage of perishable and dry food. At Entry 3 the student will, additionally, select a food dish suitable for freezing and work safely while making the product for freezing, as well as stating the operating temperature of a refrigerator and where to store foods in the refrigerator.'

### French (4964), German (4966), Italian (4963), Spanish (4969)

The new revised Entry Level Certificate in Modern Foreign Languages will be awarded for the first time in summer 2007. All centres entering candidates should have received the two sets of Externally-set Assignments for reading and writing. The shelf life of these two sets of Externally-set assignments is the shelf life of the current specification. No further sets will be produced.

Italian has been added to the suite of languages and the subject will be awarded for the first time in 2007.

The new revised ELC requires candidates to submit a candidate portfolio containing 4 units of work, one unit to be taken from each theme (see 2007 specification from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)).

A signed *Candidate Record Form* must also be submitted with the completed candidate portfolio for an award to be made.

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Other AQA Examinations and Tests for Special Purposes

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Free-Standing Mathematics Qualifications (6981-6994)  
AS Use of Mathematics (5351)

The examinations in May 2007 will, for most, be the first assessments based on the revised 2007 specifications for FSMQ and AS Use of Mathematics. Please be sure to read the updated marking criteria, including clarified scaling rules, before assessing your portfolios.