

UACE NEW GRADING SYSTEM

Question 1: *How is my work marked?*

Answer: Marks are not just about right or wrong answers. The examiners use an Analytical Rubric. This means they look at specific skills (like "Introduction" or "Generating Ideas") and score you from 1 to 4 based on how well you perform.

Question 2: *What is the difference between a Score 4 and a Score 1?*

Answer:

* Score 4 (Exceptional): You fully understand the task, link it perfectly to the scenario, and present logical, fluent ideas.

* Score 1 (Elementary): The work shows limited understanding, makes little reference to the scenario, and ideas are disorganized or unclear.

Question 3: *How is the final score for a test item calculated?*

Answer:

If a question tests 5 skills (like Introduction, Ideas, Judgement, etc.), the maximum score is $5 \times 4 = 20$

If it tests 6 skills, the maximum is $6 \times 4 = 24$.

Question 4: *I received a score of 15/20 on a test. What "Performance Level" is that?*

Answer:

According to the scoring ranges:

* 17 – 20: Exceptional

* 14 – 16: Outstanding

* 11 – 13: Satisfactory

* 8 – 10: Basic

* 5 – 7: Elementary

> So, a score of 15/20 is considered Outstanding

Question 5: *What if my test had 6 bases and I got 18/24?*

Answer:

For a 6-base item:

* 22 – 24: Exceptional

* 18 – 21: Outstanding

* 14 – 17: Satisfactory

* 10 – 13: Basic

* 6 – 9: Elementary

> Therefore, 18/24 is also Outstanding.

Question 6: *How is my final subject grade (A, B, C, D, E) calculated?*

Answer:

It is calculated using the average weight of your scores.

1. You get a "weight" for each paper (e.g., 3, 4, 5).
2. You add those weights together and divide by the number of papers.
3. That average determines your grade.

Question 7: *What average weight do I need to get a Grade A?*

Answer:

> To get an A, your average weight must be between 4.6 and 5.0

Question 8: *What if my average weight is 3.3?*

Answer:

An average of 3.3 falls in the Grade C range (2.8 – 3.6).

Here is the full grade scale:

> A: 4.6 – 5.0

> B: 3.7 – 4.5

> C: 2.8 – 3.6

> D: 1.9 – 2.7

> E: 1.0 – 1.8

Question 9: What happens if I do very well in Paper One but fail Paper Two?
Do I automatically fail the subject?

Answer :

> No! The system is compensatory.

> If you get a high weight in Paper One (e.g., 5) and a low weight in Paper Two (e.g., 2), your average is $(5+2)/2 = 3.5$.

> 3.5 is a Grade C.

☹️ Verdict: You pass the subject because the strong paper pulled up the weak one.

Question 10: *So, when do I actually fail the subject?*

Answer: You fail (get a Grade E) if your average weight drops to 1.8 or below.

> Example: Paper One weight = 2, Paper Two weight = 1.

> Average = $(2+1)/2 = 1.5$ (This is a Grade E).

Question 11: *Do all subjects have the same number of papers?*

Answer:

> Most do have two papers, but not all.

* Most subjects (like Biology, Chemistry, Economics) have 2 papers.

* Subsidiary Maths has 1 paper.

* Technical Drawing has 3 papers.