



Admissions decisions process for the Presidential Schools

This document outlines the requirements and procedure of Admissions to the Presidential Schools.

Registrations begin on 1st June 2019 and the final date for online Admissions is the 21st June and offline will be the 22nd June. After midnight on the 22nd of June, registrations will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Eligibility

To be eligible to take the Presidential Schools Admissions Test, candidates must have achieved the highest mark of 5 in each of the following subjects in the current academic year:

Grade 4: Mathematics and Environmental Study

Grade 5: Mathematics, ICT and Biology

Grade 6: Mathematics, ICT, Physics and Biology

Grade 7, 8 and 9: Algebra, Geometry, ICT, Physics, Chemistry and Biology

Pre-selection test

If the number of eligible applicants exceeds 20 per school place in the grade and region for which they are applying, candidates will be required to take a pre-selection test of Mathematics. A different test will be used for each grade, each containing 30 questions.

Tests are divided into three types depending on the degree of difficulty.

- 1) type A questions 1-10
- 2) type B questions 11-20
- 3) type C questions 21-30

The test will be scored as follows:

Type A = 2.1 marks

Type B = 3.2 marks

Type C = 4.3 marks

Candidates will be ranked based on their scores on the pre-selection test of Mathematics, and a cut score will be determined such that no more than 20 students per available place will proceed to take the Presidential Schools Admissions Test. Those who achieve scores above the cut will proceed to the main Presidential Schools Admissions Test.

In cases of tied ranks, where more than one candidate has the same total score, preference will be given to the candidate with the highest score on each of the types of question in the following order of priority:

1. the score on Type C questions
2. the score on Type B questions

Where candidates have the same overall score and identical scores on all types of question, date of birth will be used to separate candidates, with preference given to the younger candidate. If there is still a tie, Cambridge Assessment will devise a suitable method to resolve it.

Where the number of eligible applicants does not exceed 20 per school place in the grade and region for which they are applying, the pre-selection test will not be used.

Presidential Schools Admissions Test

Candidates, who meet the eligibility criteria and, where necessary, are successful in the pre-selection test, will be required to take the Presidential Schools Admissions Test. This will include a test of Thinking Skills (Problem Solving and Critical Thinking) and a test of English Language (Reading and Listening). Each question will be worth one mark.

Candidates will be ranked based on their score in each component with the following weighting:

Grade	English test	Problem Solving and Critical Thinking
5,6	20%	80%
7,8,9,10	40%	60%

In cases of tied ranks, where more than one candidate has the same total score (English Test, and Problem Solving and Critical Thinking test combined), preference will be given to the candidate with the highest score on each component in the following order of priority:

1. the score on the Problem Solving component,
2. the score on the Critical Thinking component,
3. the score on the English language Reading component,
4. the score on the English language Listening component.
5. date of birth (younger candidate selected)

Where candidates have the same overall score and identical scores on all test components, Cambridge Assessment will devise a suitable method to resolve the tie.

If a successful applicant is unable to accept a place at a Presidential School, or leaves during the first term, the place will be offered to the highest ranking unsuccessful candidate.

Cambridge Assessment will rigorously monitor the scoring and placement decisions on this test and therefore, as it is a transparent and secure process, appeals on final decisions or queries on scores will not be accepted. Candidates are required to sign accordance to this effect, when completing registration forms.