

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Q: Is Edexcel recognised as an exam board in the UK?

Ans: Edexcel is one of only three major UK Govt.(Ofqual) regulated exam boards in England and the ONLY ONE out of these operating in Bangladesh. Until 1996, Edexcel used to be known as University of London Examinations and Assessment Council.

Q: What are the difference between Edexcel and Pearson?

Ans: Since 2005, Edexcel became part of a Pearson group, the world's largest educational services company, which owns organisations such as the Financial Times, Penguin, Longman, Prentice Hall etc.

Q: Is Edexcel going to stop offering their O Levels? If yes, why?

Ans: Edexcel is going to stop offering O levels since they are an old qualification which have been stopped in the UK also. The last examinations for O levels will happen in 2011 so current students will not be affected. The new students also need not worry as instead of O levels they can now study the IGCSE 2009 which is a modern qualification similar to the GCSEs currently studies by students in the UK.

Q: Is IGCSE recognised by institutions worldwide?

Ans: Yes, it is very similar to UK GCSE and recognised by all colleges and universities in the UK, India, Bangladesh and many other countries across the world.

Q: What support materials available for IGCSE?

Ans: All the support materials such as Syllabi, Study guides, sample question papers, students guides, teacher training have been made available either through the Edexcel website or separately to schools and teachers.

Q: What is the difference between IGCSE 2009 and O Level?

Ans: IGCSE 2009 is a modern and up-to-date qualification but is basically a combination of the O levels and current IGCSEs. So the change for you is not very drastic. O Levels have not been offered in the UK since 1988.

Q: What are the additional advantages of the IGCSE 2009 over O levels?

Ans: IGCSE 2009 resources from Edexcel are technologically advanced and are not available with any other board. The ResultsPlus service helps you find out how you, the class, the school and eve the world performed in different sections and individual questions in your examinations. Other services like Ask the Expert are also available.

Q: Can a student sit partially for both O Level and IGCSE?

Ans: Yes, this will not cause any problem as this is a qualification of similar standard and level.

Q: What are the IGCSE syllabi have not changed much compared to O Level?

Ans: English Language B, Maths B, Bengali, Bangladesh Studies, Islamiyat etc.

Q: Are the books and resources available for IGCSE?

Ans: All the resources FOR IGCSE AND A Levels are now available at usual book shops all over the country at affordable costs.

Q: When is the last session for O Level and First session for IGCSE exams?

Ans: O Level last session is in January 2011 and IGCSE first session is May/June 2011.

Q: Are the local teachers trained enough to teach this IGCSE syllabus?

Ans: Teachers are trained by Edexcel Examiners through a series of events in all important subjects already and the teaching will not be too different from the O Level syllabus.

Q: Who recognises IGCSE?

Ans: The new IGCSE 2009 will be accepted all over the world just like the existing IGCSE and O Level.