

O Level Commerce (7100)

When are the examinations available?

The syllabus is available for examination in June and November each year.

Are there any changes to the syllabus for 2005?

The syllabus will be changing for 2005 both in terms of the scheme of assessment and in terms of the syllabus content.

From the June 2005 examination, the scheme of assessment will be changing and there will be two papers rather than the current single paper. Paper 1 will be a multiple choice paper containing 40 questions. The paper will be worth 30% of the total for the syllabus and will be 1 hour long. Paper 2 will consist of 8 questions. There will be stimulus response questions (containing numerical, textual and visual information) and structured questions. Candidates will be required to answer four questions. Paper 2 is worth 70% of the marks for the syllabus and will be 2 hours long.

There are some changes to the content of the syllabus, although most of the content of the syllabus is similar to that of the 'old' syllabus and we hope that the syllabus is clearer and more specific in terms of what should be taught.

Why have you changed the syllabus for 2005?

For several reasons. We thought it was time to update the syllabus content and reflect changes in commercial activity, for example the growth of e-commerce. We also wanted to introduce a second component to give candidates a fairer chance in the examination by sitting papers on 2 different days.

Can I take O level Commerce and O level Commercial Studies in the same examination session?

No. Because of the similarities in the syllabus content, candidates cannot take both syllabuses in the same examination session.

Is there a specific textbook for the syllabus?

No, but there are several textbooks on the resource list (in the syllabus) that you will find useful. However, we would encourage you to choose textbooks for class use which will be of interest to your students and will support your own teaching style. There is no specific requirement for you to use the textbooks on the resource list – they are just suggestions.

What support materials are available?

Syllabus
Specimen papers (for 2005 syllabus)
Question papers for the past two years
Reports on past examinations