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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## CXC<sup>®</sup> Hybrid e-Assessment

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## INTRODUCTION

The Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC®) employs two (2) methods, paper-based and electronic, to administer most Paper 02 examinations. When using the paper-based format, candidates write their responses on the paper in the space provided below the question. When using the electronic format, candidates complete their examination on a laptop/desktop by typing their responses in a space provided below the question.

Now, CXC® is introducing the Hybrid e-Assessment methodology as the latest testing modality.

## Hybrid e-Assessment FAQs

### What is the Hybrid e-Assessment methodology?

The Hybrid e-Assessment methodology separates the Question Paper and the Answer Booklet. The Question Paper is made available to candidates on the day of the examination, in PDF format in the Electronic Assessment Platform (SURPASS), while the answer booklet is presented in paper format. The candidate is required to view the questions on the screen via the platform and provide their responses in the answer booklet.





### **Why the Hybrid e-Assessment methodology?**

- Improve service delivery to stakeholder community by enhancing exam administration.
- Increase the security of examination scripts by having them available to centres ONLY on the day of the examination.
- Less paper for storage.
- Soft introduction to e-testing



### **How is security maintained in e-Assessments?**

- e-Assessment utilises applications that lock down the candidate's electronic device, preventing the candidate from leaving the test session. Access to websites and applications is restricted in order to prevent cheating.
- Test PIN codes are utilised to restrict when a candidate can access an examination.
- Keycodes, which are unique to each candidate are also utilised to ensure that the responses are correctly attributed to the candidate.



### **Are candidates required to submit any work electronically?**

No. In this methodology, candidates are not required to upload any documents or responses to the Electronic Assessment Platform (SURPASS).



### **Will questions be included in the answer booklet?**

No. In Hybrid e-Assessments the Question booklet and Answer booklet are ALWAYS separated. The answer booklet only contains space for the answer.



### **Can a candidate decide which testing modality is utilised for an examination?**

The Local Registrar and centre determines the modality to be utilised by candidates.



### **What happens if the device does not work?**

If the device is not working the Supervisor of examination will make a printed Question Paper available to the candidate.

## What happens if there is no internet?

- If there is no internet at the start of the examination, the Supervisor of examination will make a printed Question Paper available to the candidate.
- If internet is lost after the examination has started but after the paper has been downloaded to the laptop/ desktop, the candidates will still be able to access ALL questions on the examination.

## What happens if the electronic assessment application does not work?

If the electronic assessment application is not working the Supervisor of examination will make a printed Question Paper available to the candidate.

## Can I bring my own device?

The centre will determine if you are allowed to utilise your own device. Please note that the device must be configured by the IT personnel of the centre prior to the examination.

## Can I use a phone or a tablet to access the Electronic Assessment Platform (SURPASS)?

Phones and tablet devices cannot be utilised for Hybrid e-Assessment at this time.

## Can a candidate return to a previously viewed or answered question?

Candidates can navigate between questions sequentially or click to go to a specific question in any order .

