CONFUSED ABOUT THE 2020-21 COVID-19 ONLINE EXAMS?
Let's clear it up!

Open exam within 24 hours
The exam can be started at any time during the 24-hour period. Students should aim to spend no more time than indicated on the exam paper. Students must complete and upload answers within the 24-hour period.

Example:
This means that if you are taking a 2-hour exam, the exam is designed to be completed within that timeframe; it wouldn't necessarily help you achieve better grades if you take any longer than the time indicated on the exam paper (note individual exceptions for additional time).

Timed exam within 24 hours
The exam can be started at any time during the 24-hour period. Students should aim to spend no more time than indicated on the exam paper. Students must complete and upload answers within the 24-hour period.

Example:
This means that if you are taking an exam stated as 2 hours long, you will have a 4-hour window in which to complete it from the moment you start. You must upload answers within that time. The exam is designed to be completed within 2 hours, it wouldn't necessarily help you achieve better grades if you take any longer than the time indicated on the exam paper (note individual exceptions for additional time), but no penalties will be applied based on how long, within the total allowed time, students take to complete the paper. We expect most students to complete their online timed exam well within the double-time allowance. Double time has been incorporated to take into account challenges students may experience with remote assessment (e.g. temporary interruption to internet connectivity) and to accommodate students who have individual adjustments for additional time.

Timed exam - fixed start time
The exam will have a fixed start time and duration. Students must complete and upload answers within the time specified.

Example:
This means that if you are taking an exam stated as 2 hours long, you have to start it at the set time and will have a 4-hour window in which to complete it. You must finish and upload your answers within that time. The exam is designed to be completed within the 2 hours, it wouldn't necessarily help you achieve better grades if you take any longer than the time indicated on the exam paper (note individual exceptions for additional time), but no penalties will be applied based on how long, within the total allowed time, students take to complete the paper. We expect most students to complete their online timed exam well within the double-time allowance. Double time has been incorporated to take into account challenges students may experience with remote assessment (e.g. temporary interruption to internet connectivity) and to accommodate students who have individual adjustments for additional time.

Seen Exam - 24 hours to submit
The questions will be released prior to the date of the exam (School will confirm release date). Following the instructions on the exam paper, students then have the entirety of the 24-hour period on the scheduled date of the exam to upload their answers/submit their scripts.

Example:
This exam type does not have any specified time to complete it, although it will include an indicative duration based on the normal completion times. You are given the exam questions before the date and time of submission and can work on them (revise/draft) in your own time up until the day and time by which you must submit. These exams will be an adapted version of the original unseen exam, but you will be able to complete it over a longer period with access to notes, course materials, and the internet. You are not expected to spend time undertaking extensive literature searches. You should answer the question in the style as you would in a 'normal' exam and be aware of any word count limit. It is unlikely that a bibliography and references will be required, but please check the further guidance from your School prior to the exam. It is up to you when and how long you work on your answer in the time between receiving the questions and the submission date. However, taking longer to write your answers than the stated indicative time needed does not necessarily equal better grades.

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