

Onscreen Assessment for International GCSE/A Level

*Exams that work
the way students do*



The overwhelming response from students is that they really enjoyed taking their exams onscreen.”

Samantha Roden, Head of English,
Qatar International School

THE NATURAL CHOICE FOR STUDENTS

Onscreen assessment is the natural evolution in a world where so much teaching and learning is onscreen. Students love sitting their exams in a format that is familiar to them.

Offering students the choice to sit either onscreen or paper exams ensures the best possible outcomes, preparing them for the workplace and further education.



Students love it

90% of students who sat their exams onscreen in 2022 said they wanted their school to offer more onscreen exams in the future.

- ✓ "I had more time to plan"
- ✓ "I could write more"
- ✓ "I felt more confident in the exam"



If I had the choice to take an exam onscreen or on paper, I would definitely choose to take it onscreen because I personally feel like I have much more time to plan and get my thoughts straight. And that makes my outcome of a much better quality."

Maya Almoataz,
Year 11 Student,
British School of Bahrain



Teachers love it

100% of teachers who registered students for onscreen exams in 2022 have registered students for the 2023 onscreen exam series too.

- ✓ Easy to organise and manage
- ✓ Boosts student confidence
- ✓ Excellent support from Pearson



It's been a fantastic experience for us as a school and also for our students, who were absolutely delighted to work in a way that felt most comfortable to them."

Wayne Ridgway,
Head of Senior School,
British School of Bahrain

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YOUR TRIED AND TRUSTED PARTNER IN ONSCREEN ASSESSMENT

Pearson is proud to be leading the way in onscreen assessment. We are the first awarding body to offer onscreen International GCSE/A Level exams alongside traditional paper-based exams.

Deliver with confidence

The technology, processes, and tools used, stem from the successful worldwide delivery of millions of onscreen assessments in the last 10 years, in more than 115 countries.

What started as a pilot in 2020, became a reality in 2022 when students sat their Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Language exams onscreen for the first time.

In 2023, we have seen entry numbers double for onscreen exams as thousands of students around the world have chosen to take their International GCSE exams onscreen not on paper.

A rich heritage in onscreen assessment

Our rich heritage and experience of developing and delivering onscreen assessments at scale with the Pearson Test of English, the Egyptian Ministry of Education and our new GCSE Computer Science qualification, have ensured our onscreen platform is tried and tested.

It's a platform you can trust.

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To another teacher I would say trust the process and trust that Pearson will support you.”

Michael Merrick,
Associate Head of
Secondary, Qatar
International School

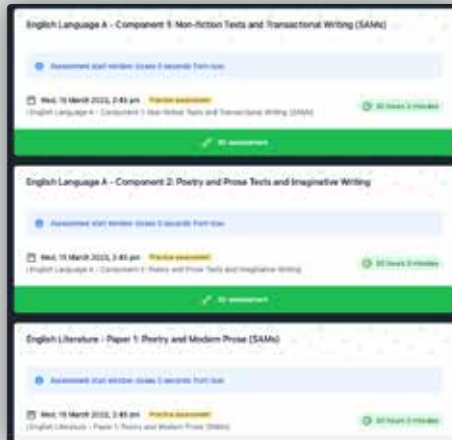


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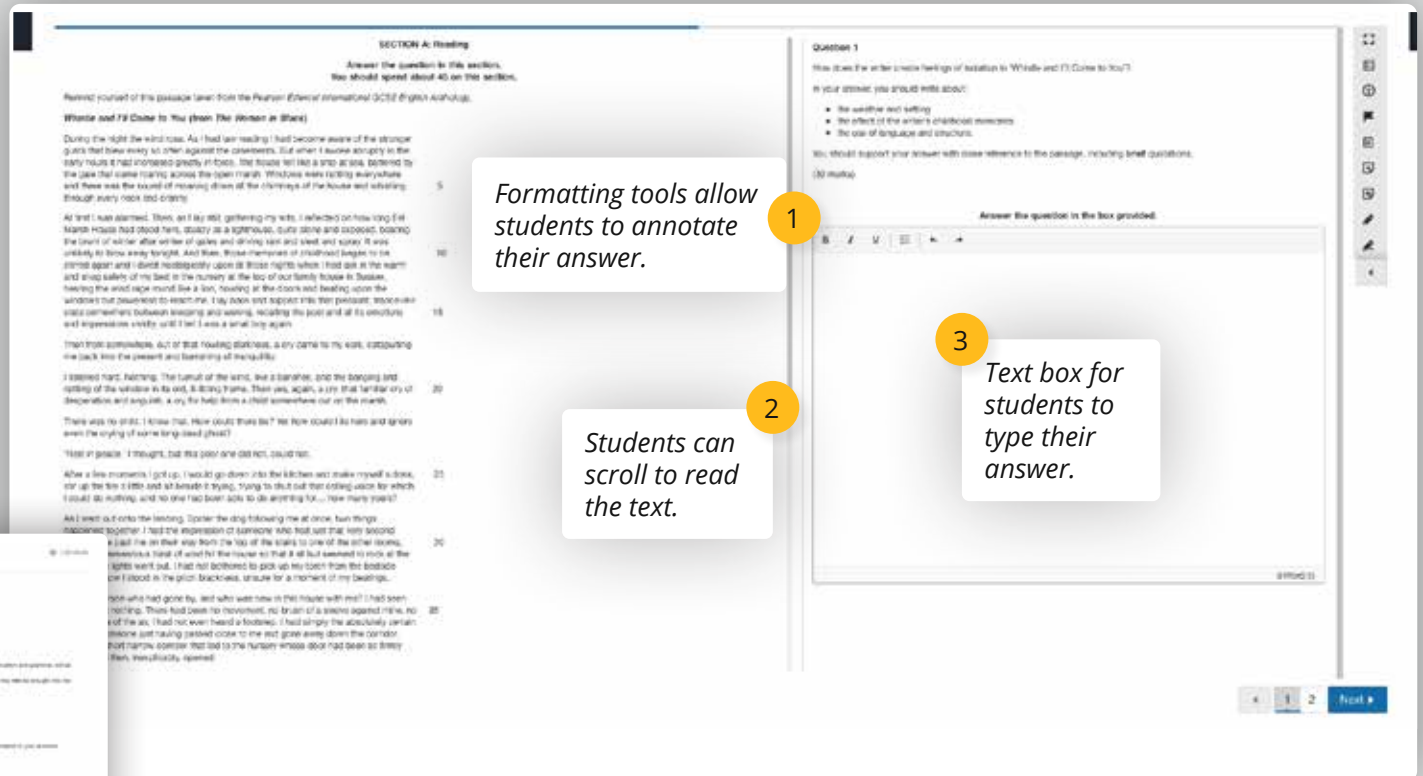
HOW IT WORKS

Pearson's secure onscreen assessments are the same as the paper-based assessments. The same questions are answered but the method of responding is different onscreen as candidates type their responses. Candidates will take their assessments at a centre, under exam conditions, working on devices.

Select exam



Begin exam



1 Formatting tools allow students to annotate their answer.

2 Students can scroll to read the text.

3 Text box for students to type their answer.

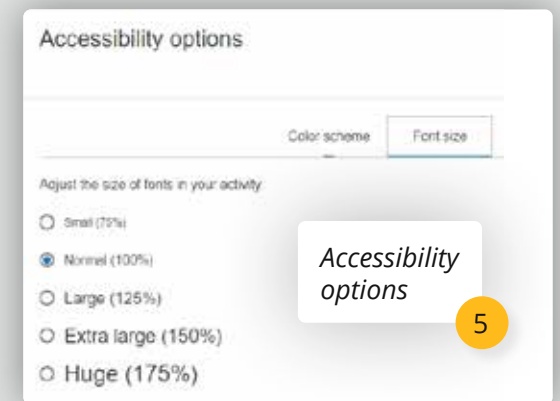
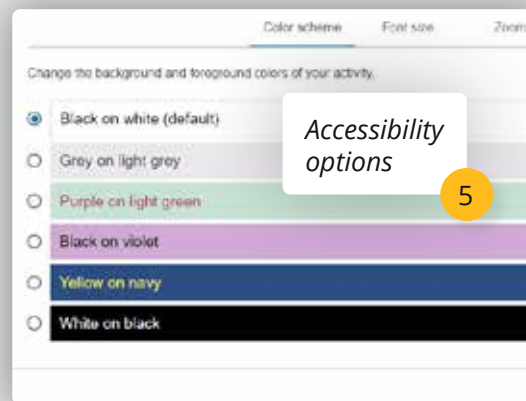
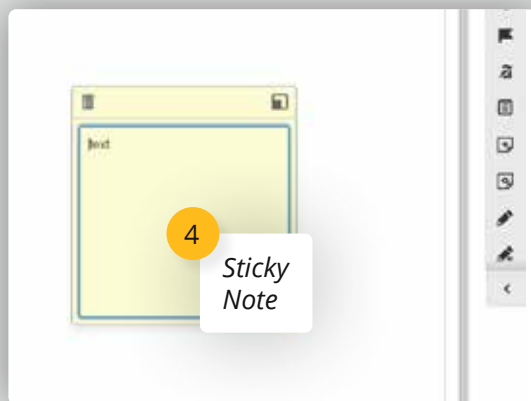
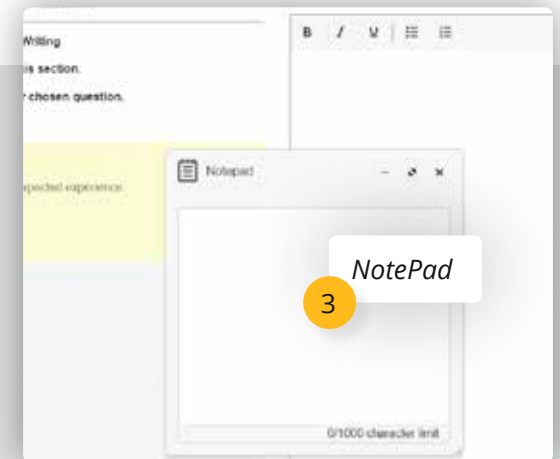
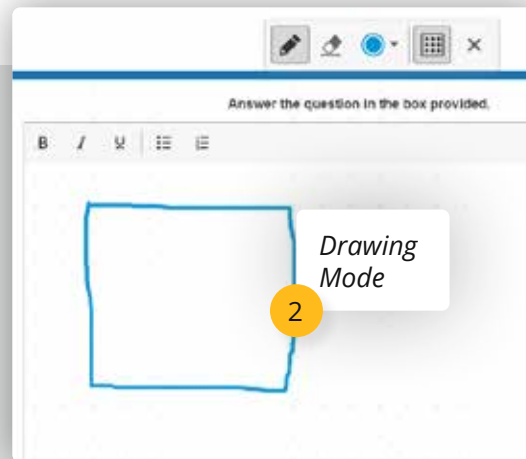
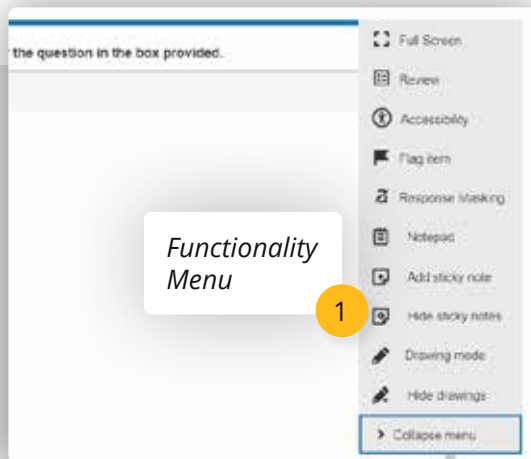
The onscreen platform is intuitive and easy to use with a range of functionality tools and accessibility options.



It ran so smoothly, the students had no issues and the online invigilator platform worked fantastically well"

Samantha Roden, Head of English,
Qatar International School

Functionality Tools & Accessibility options



ONSCREEN ASSESSMENT IS AVAILABLE NOW

Pearson Edexcel onscreen examinations are available for students to sit in the following International GCSE and International A Level (IAL®) subjects:

Onscreen Exams Timetable

Onscreen exams are available in the following subjects for first assessment from:

2022	• International GCSE English Language A
2023	• International GCSE English Literature
2024	• International GCSE Business • International GCSE Economics • International GCSE History • International A Level English Literature • International A Level English Language
2025	• International GCSE Geography • International GCSE Pakistan Studies • International GCSE Islamic Studies

**More qualifications
coming every year!**



They were so excited when they came out of the exam. They really enjoyed the experience of doing it online. They felt they could access the texts and work with them in a way that they couldn't do on paper."

Samantha Roden, Head of English,
Qatar International School

Our success in onscreen assessment led to us becoming a 2023 BETT Award Finalist for Transformational Impact.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the difference between onscreen and paper-based exams?

The exam papers are exactly the same. The only difference is that one is onscreen and the other on paper.

Can I run a blend of onscreen and paper exams?

You can choose to run onscreen and paper exams together and how you run this is your choice. You may decide to run paper-based exams in a hall and onscreen in the computer lab or everyone in the hall with some candidates on laptops.

How will onscreen and paper-based exams be awarded?

Both paper-based and onscreen follow the normal awarding process. Measures are in place to ensure fairness and consistency so that no student is advantaged or disadvantaged as a result of the medium they choose to take the exam in.

What are the technology requirements for International GCSE and A Level onscreen assessments?

Onscreen assessment is a highly secure, browser-based system. It is compatible and tested with multiple browsers and operating systems. Onscreen Windows and Mac devices can be centre or candidate owned.



Comprehensive FAQs are available on the website:
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START YOUR JOURNEY TODAY

We understand that you and your students need to feel prepared and confident with the shift to a different mode of assessment.

Our promise to you

Whether you are already a Pearson centre, or completely new to Pearson, we are on hand to support you every step of the way as you embark on your journey to onscreen assessment with us.

It's easier than you think

- ✓ Simple, flexible hardware requirements
- ✓ A highly secure and stable system
- ✓ Full support and guidance on setting up
- ✓ Plenty of opportunities to practice using the onscreen platform

"The team [at Pearson] are always incredibly supportive. Everything was really easy to follow and set up"

Katie Templar, Head of Curriculum at Qatar International School

NEXT STEPS

- 1 Visit pearsoninternational-schools.com/OnscreenAssessment
- 2 Sign-up for onscreen news via the website to keep up with the latest information.
- 3 Register your interest for onscreen exams via our website and we will support you every step of the way to deliver onscreen exams in your school.