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What is different about an ABE timed exam?

In an open-book exam you will need to give more detailed answers, the fact that you have more time and access to textbooks and research.

Can I use the same organisation for an open-book unit?

Yes, you can use the same company in the organisation summary for the open-book unit; however, it is advisable to provide a method of assessment including such respected institutions as the University of Manchester, Imperial College London, The University of Edinburgh, and ABE.

How do I find my open-book exam questions?

When the exam is published on the ABE website, there are several ways you can search. You can use the search bar and type in ‘open book’ or you can select the Search by Exam Type option and choose ‘Open Book Exam’. Alternatively, you can look at the ABE summary your centre sent you.

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How will I complete my open-book exams?

You will have three to four weeks to complete the exam. The questions are loaded on to the portal and will need to be returned to ABE by centres before close of business on the deadline date. If you are submitting more than one exam, please submit them on the same day. You must start the exam answer and submit for submission to ABE prior to the deadline.

Where can I find my open-book exam questions?

Once the questions are published on the ABE portal you can visit the ABE website and select ‘Assessment Preparation’ and click on ‘Open Book Exam’ to Select the file labelled with Open Book Exam – and download.

What is the word count?

With timed exams the word count will vary per question. The overall word count will typically be between 2000 and 3000 depending on the level; the higher the level the higher the word count.

Will I need to refer to study materials?

It is important to bear in mind that all answers must be referenced because your answers will be scrutinised for plagiarism and collusion.

How will I return the exams?

You must submit your answer to ABE at least two working days before the deadline. Please send your electronic copy of the assessment by email to assessmentsubmission@abeuk.com.

How will the open-book exams be marked?

All open-book exams will be marked independently in the UK and will always be scrutinised for plagiarism and collusion.

Is an ABE open-book exam as credible as an ABE timed exam?

Yes, many UK universities and institutions, including many respected institutions such as the University of Manchester, Imperial College London, The University of Edinburgh, and ABE.

Do regulators support this approach?

Yes, open-book exams are a common practice in subjects such as law and UK regulators welcome this method of assessment, viewing it as highly reliable.

Is there any other information about open-book exams I can access?

You can find the complete information on the portal.

How should I prepare for an open-book exam?

You are allowed to use any source you choose to ensure you have met the unit’s learning outcomes so preparation should be exactly as it would be for any other exam.

Should I continue to work with my centre?

Yes, tutors provide an essential and valuable part of your learning experience so do not feel restricted in your use of the unit. Tutors can take advantage of any alternative support or remote teaching that may be available to you.

What is the format of the exam?

Every assessment is designed to ensure you have met the unit’s learning outcomes so preparation should be exactly as it would be for any other exam.

What if my college reopens or is not locked down?

ABE exams will remain open-book for this session, even in those countries where it is possible to take exams in person. Some restrictions on gatherings. If your college is not closed, and you travel freely, you should attend as planned. Your centre tutor will be able to discuss this with you. Your college tutor will be able to discuss this with you.

Should I use my college’s assignments?

Yes, if your college tutor feels that it is appropriate and your college is not closed, you should prepare and submit these assignments as normal. Your centre tutor will be able to discuss this with you.

I don’t have access to Microsoft programmes can I still take an exam?

We would like your assignments and open-book exams emailed to us by Word or PDF documents. However, we will accept all electronic submissions as long as they are legible and suitable for use in the assessment. If you are providing handwritten assessments, please ensure they are clear and legible.

I am worried, I haven’t done this type of exam before.

Don’t worry! We are trying to make things easy for you by providing you with a guide that explains your answers that aren’t covered in the unit syllabus.

We also have a strict ‘no detriment’ policy which means we make allowances for the fact the exam is in an unfamiliar format.

What if my college重整就或不是被封锁?

ABE考试将保持开放书格式，即使在那些可以采取个人考试的国家也是如此。一些限制在参加者。如果你的学院没有关闭，并且你可以自由旅行，你应该按时参加。你的中心导师将能够与你讨论这一点。你的学院导师将能够与你讨论这一点。

我应该使用我学院的作业吗？

是的，如果你的学院导师感到合适的话，尽管你的学院没有关闭，你应该准备并提交这些作业。你的中心导师将能够与你讨论这一点。

我无法访问微软程序，可以参加考试吗？

我们希望你的作业和开放书考试以Word或PDF文档形式发送给我们。然而，我们接受所有电子提交，只要它们可读且适合使用在评估中。如果你正在提供手写评估，请确保它们清晰且可读。

我担心，我没有做过这种类型的考试。

别担心！我们正在尽力让你感觉轻松，通过提供一个指南，告诉你关于你的答案，这些答案未在单元大纲中涵盖。

我们也有一个严格的‘无损害’政策，这意味着我们为考试是不熟悉的格式，作出补偿。