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Whether you're writing at a venue or remotely, once you enter formal examination conditions, only items, equipment and materials explicitly permitted or provided for your examination may be used or accessed.

🚫 Prohibited items include:

- Notes, textbooks, study materials and reference materials
- Formulae & Tables books
- Mobile phones, earbuds/headphones and other unauthorised smart devices
- Watches of any kind, including smartwatches and stopwatches, as well as watch, clock or stopwatch apps, including those embedded in computer devices
- Wearable technology, including smart glasses, fitness trackers and smart rings
- External keyboards, mice, additional monitors/screens or other external peripherals
- Internet, email, messaging or other communication tools
- AI tools such as ChatGPT
- Unauthorised software, applications or digital files
- Anything that enables communication, collaboration or access to external information
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✅ What is permitted?

- A valid government-issued photographic ID
- Your official examination entry permit — this must be clean and unannotated. You may not write on or annotate your permit before or during the examination
- A pencil and/or pen, ruler and eraser
- An ASSA-approved calculator
- A non-alcoholic beverage in a clear/transparent, sealable bottle, with no additional labels
- Small snacks that do not cause disruption through strong smells, mess or noisy packaging
- Medication, where required, with no paper inserts. Packaging may be checked

🕒 When do examination conditions begin?

🏠 **Venue:** Once you have completed registration and pre-checks and have been granted entry to the examination venue.

💻 **Remote:** Once you commence the examination check-in and invigilation process.

From this point, all examination rules apply and prohibited items or materials may not be accessed.

Writing at a venue?

Personal items must fit into the 36.5 cm × 33.5 cm chair bag provided. Bring only essential items — bulky bags will need to remain outside the examination hall at your own risk.

If you need to bring a mobile phone, it must be switched off, stored as instructed by the invigilator and not accessed during the examination.

Remember: chair bags must remain at the venue.

Writing remotely?

Remember: Laptop only. No desktops, external keyboards or mice, additional monitors/screens or other external peripherals.

Before check-in, clear your workspace of prohibited items and make sure your examination environment and equipment comply with the requirements.