

Diploma Exam Rules – Information for Students

During the administration of diploma exams, students are expected to adhere to the following rules:

Part A: Written Response Humanities Diploma Exams

- No personal electronic devices are allowed in the exam room (even if they are turned off). Examples of personal electronic devices that are not allowed include, but are not limited to, cell phones, wearable technology, etc.
- No print materials, with the exception of approved dictionaries, thesauruses, and/or writing handbooks can be brought into the exam room. Approved print materials must not contain any extraneous text. A list of approved resources may be found on Page 2
- Students are not permitted to bring study notes or blank pieces of paper into the exam room. For written response rough drafts, students may only use paper that is provided by the school. Students are encouraged to use their booklets for planning and working through their responses. All extra paper used by students during the diploma exam will be returned to Alberta Education.
- During the administration of the diploma exam, students may not discuss or share anything with other students in the exam room.
- Copying exam material and questions is prohibited.

If you require clarification regarding the titles of print materials permitted for Part A written response diploma exams, please see the “*Approved Resources for Humanities Diploma Exams*” section on Page 2.

Part B: Humanities Diploma Exams

- No personal electronic devices are allowed in the exam room (even if they are turned off). Examples of personal electronic devices that are not allowed include, but are not limited to, cell phones, wearable technology, etc.
- No print materials can be brought into the exam room. Dictionaries and thesauruses are not permitted for part B Humanities diploma exams.
- Students are not permitted to bring study notes or blank pieces of paper into the exam room. Students are encouraged to use their booklets for planning and working through their responses. All extra paper used by students during the diploma exam will be returned to Alberta Education.
- During the administration of the diploma exam, students may not discuss or share anything with other students in the exam room.
- Copying exam material and questions is prohibited.

Math and Science Diploma Exams:

- No personal electronic devices, with the exception of approved calculators, are allowed in the exam room (even if they are turned off). Examples of electronic devices that are not allowed include, but are not limited to, cell phones, wearable technology, etc. Approved calculators must be cleared by a supervisor before and after the diploma exam. Please see Page 2 for Approved Calculators.
- Students are not permitted to bring study notes or blank pieces of paper into the exam room. If students require paper for calculations, they may only use paper that is provided by the school. Students are encouraged to use their booklets for planning and working through their responses. All extra paper used by students during the diploma exam will be returned to Alberta Education.
- During the administration of the diploma exam, students may not discuss or share anything with other students in the exam room.
- Copying exam material and questions is prohibited.

If you require clarification regarding the types of calculators that are permitted for math or science diploma exams, please see the “*Approved Calculators for Diploma Exams*” section on page 2.

Incidents where students do not adhere to diploma exam rules will be reported to Alberta Education. Failure to adhere to exam administration rules can result in students having their diploma exam declared invalid.

Approved Resources for Humanities Diploma Exams:

Français 30–1, French Language Arts 30–1

For Partie A only, all students may use a print dictionary (French and/or French-English bilingual), a French thesaurus, and/or a book of verb forms/tenses. Two additional resources are authorized by Alberta Education for use during the administration of Partie A.

- *Avec brio : Guide pratique de communication* (Gladys Jean) ;
- *Référentiel pour la révision de textes* (Éditions L’artichaut).

English Language Arts 30–1, English Language Arts 30–2

For Part A only, all students may use a print dictionary (English and/or bilingual), a thesaurus and an authorized writing handbook. The following seven writing handbooks are authorized by Alberta Education to be used for this purpose. With the exception of *A Canadian Writer’s Guide*, any edition of these texts is acceptable for use.

- *A Canadian Writer’s Guide* (J. Finnbogason and A. Valteau), second edition (only)
- *A Canadian Writer’s Reference* (D. Hacker)
- *Checkmate: A Writing Reference for Canadians* (J. Buckley)
- *English Language Arts Handbook for Secondary Students* (Alberta Education)
- *Fit to Print: The Canadian Student’s Guide to Essay Writing* (J. Buckley)
- *The St. Martin’s Handbook for Canadians* (Andrea Lunsford, Robert Connors, and Judy Z. Segal)
- *The Writing Process* (Quentin L. Gehle and Duncan J. Rollo)

Social Studies 30–1 and Social Studies 30–2

For Part(ie) A only, all students may use a print dictionary (single language or bilingual), a thesaurus, and an authorized writing handbook. In addition, students writing in French may use a book of verb forms/tenses. Any dictionary, thesaurus, writing handbook, or book of verb forms/tenses used must **not** contain appendices that include Social Studies content (e.g., historical time-lines, structure of the Government of Canada, Canada’s court system, structure of international organizations such as the UN or NATO, etc). The list of writing handbooks authorized are limited to the following:

- *Checkmate: A Writing Reference for Canadians* (J. Buckley)
- *English Language Arts Handbook for Secondary Students* (Alberta Education)
- *Fit to Print: The Canadian Student’s Guide to Essay Writing* (J. Buckley)
- *The St. Martin’s Handbook for Canadians* (Andrea Lunsford, Robert Connors, and Judy Z. Segal)
- *The Writing Process* (Quentin L. Gehle and Duncan J. Rollo)

The following dictionaries are also appropriate for use when writing Part(ie) A of all Social Studies diploma exam:

- *Collins Paperback English Dictionary*
- *Collins-Robert Paperback French Dictionary*
- *Gage Canadian Dictionary*
- *Harper-Collins French Dictionary (French-English)*
- *Le Petit Robert I*
- *Merriam-Webster’s School Dictionary*
- *The Canadian Oxford High School Dictionary*
- *The Concise Oxford Dictionary*
- *The Houghton Mifflin Canadian Dictionary of the English Language*
- *The Oxford Dictionary of Current English*

Approved Calculators For Diploma Exams

Alberta Education has **approved** the use of the following **graphing** calculators when writing mathematics and science diploma exams; this list is updated annually.

Casio	Hewlett-Packard	Sharp (no longer manufactured or supplied to Canada)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fx 9750 GII • fx 9750 G Plus (no longer manufactured) • fx 9860 GII 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HP Prime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EL-9900 • EL-9600 • EL-9600C
Texas Instruments		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TI-83 Plus, TI-84 Plus, TI-84 Plus Silver, or TI-84 Plus Pocket SE • TI-83 (no longer manufactured), TI-83 Plus Silver (no longer manufactured) • TI-84 Plus CE • TI-84 Plus C Silver (no longer manufactured) • TI-Nspire (with Touchpad or Clickpad) (no longer manufactured) • TI-Nspire CX Handheld 		