# Abacus Skills Challenge 2022

## Matters That Require Attention

## **Grades**

Grade A: Level 3, 2, 1 Grade B: Level 6, 5, 4 Grade C: Level 9, 8, 7

Grade D: Beginners, Level 10

## <u>Challenging items (Essential score)</u>

Grade A: Abacus/Mental Multiplication, Division and Sums (70%) Grade B: Abacus/Mental Multiplication, Division and Sums (60%)

Grade C: Abacus Sums (50%) Grade D: Abacus Sums (50%)

#### <u>Abacus</u>

## 1. General matters to do with the challenge

- 1.1. The given time limit is 7 minutes.
- 1.2. Abacus must be used for all questions.
- 1.3. Electric calculators are not to be used.
- 1.4. Until the signal that the challenge has started has been given, there should be no preparation of tools including paperweights and desk pads.
- 1.5. Until the signal that the competition has started has been given, the exam sheet should not be looked at.
- 1.6. If a watch is being utilised, it should be set so that no sound is emitted during the competition.
- 1.7. All mobile phones should be switched off or be silent for the duration of the challenge.

#### 2. Matters to do with conduct during the challenge

- 2.1. All answers should be written clearly inside the given answer box.
- 2.2. Answers should not be written vertically or take up more than one answer box.
- 2.3. Should an answer need to be changed and there is no remaining space in the given answer box, the new answer should be written outside the answer box, with:
  - 2.3.1. The question number clearly labeled inside a O or ( ).
  - 2.3.2. Clearly defined arrows from the question to the new answer.

2.4. There cannot be more than 1 answer to each question.

## **Mental**

## 1. General matters to do with the challenge

- 1.1. The given time limit is 4 minutes.
- 1.2. Abacus must be NOT used for all questions, but abacus methods must be used.
- 1.3.3.4.5.6.7. are the same as Abacus (1) General matters to do with the challenge.

## 2. Matters to do with conduct during the challenge

2.1.1. All the same as Abacus 2 Matters to do with conduct during the challenge.

# **Programming**

## 1. General matters to do with the challenge

- 1.1 The given time is 10 minutes.
- 1.2 Mouse must be used for all tasks.
- 1.3 Use required codes each task such as Sequences, Loops, Variables, Arrays and Maths.