

Notes on the TMUA Paper (2 pages; 18/9/24)

(1) Websites

(i) Cambridge University (for overview):

[Test of Mathematics for University Admission \(TMUA\) | Undergraduate Study \(cam.ac.uk\)](https://www.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/admissions-testing/tmua)

(ii) UAT-UK (for details)

[UAT UK \(esat-tmua.ac.uk\)](https://www.esat-tmua.ac.uk)

[The specification can be found under the “Prepare” tab.]

(2) Dates

Cambridge applicants will sit the paper on either the 16th or the 17th of October 2024 (depending on the time slots available over these 2 days).

Applicants to other universities may have a choice between sitting on one of the dates in October, or on either the 8th or the 9th of January 2025. Universities generally encourage applicants to opt for the October sitting (the LSE, for example, explain that ‘this will allow the widest availability of time slots and locations’).

(3) Format of paper (2 hr 30 min)

(i) Part 1: Applications of Mathematical Knowledge (75 mins)

Part 2: Mathematical Reasoning (75 mins)

(taken straightaway after Part 1)

20 Multiple Choice questions in each part

(marks are not lost for incorrect answers)

(ii) Rough working can be done on an 'erasable notebook' (provided by the centre, together with an appropriate pen).

(iii) Overall scores: 1 (low) to 9 (high) (to 1dp)

It is generally reckoned that 6.5 (or more) is a good score, with about 10% of applicants achieving a score greater than 7.0

(4) Conduct of the exam

(i) Computer-based

(ii) No calculators, formulae booklets or dictionaries (including foreign).