

SAIT November assessments Q&A Webinar:

Webinar: 13 Nov

Rushika: Hi Caretha, a question from my side for the EISA (Tax Professional)- is a lever arch file considered to be binded notes?

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT: Hi Rushika, yes you can take in a lever arch file with notes - please just do not remove notes during the exam

Rushika: Thank you for the response Caretha

Savannah Lodge: Will we be able to access Google/SARS website during the exam ?

Savannah Lodge:*able

sheila cambitzis 2:For the tax technician exam will you actually write in an exam book or will it be on line

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:Hi Savannah - are you writing EISA - then yes, you will have full access to Wifi to all sites

Godfrey Williams:Hi Caretha and all fellow students :) Caretha are there any limitations to sources that we may use?

Godfrey Williams:(TP) EISA

Savannah Lodge:Apologies, yes for the EISA exam. Thank you for your response.

Godfrey Williams:besides loose notes that is

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:Godfrey, no, in the EISA we simulate business environment - so you can use any sources, you can even set-up templates to use - BUT you cannot call a friend or email a friend

Godfrey Williams:Hi Caretha :) I think in that one sentence you have answered most of my questions

Savannah Lodge:I notice from the previous EISA exam memorandums that the multiple choice questions are supplemented with an explanation. Will this be the case for our question paper, or is this purely for purposes of the memorandum?

Godfrey Williams:Thanks :)

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:Hi Godfrey, yes any sources that are solid bounded or stuck in a file - our issue with loose papers is cheating amongst friends...paper falling on the floor, friend picking it up etc.

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:Hi Savannah, the explanation on the multiple choice is purely for memo purposes

Savannah Lodge:Thank you.

Savannah Lodge:Will refreshments be allowed into the venue?

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:Hi Sheila, The Tax Technician EISA can be written or typed and the ITC only written

sheila cambitzis 2:Will you be given a memory stick with the exam questions

sheila cambitzis 2:does it matter if you have written in your huxum book

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:Yes, you can take something to eat and drink

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:please just do not disturb your fellow exam writers

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:Sheila are you writing Tax Technician EISA?

sheila cambitzis 2:yes

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:You can write and flag your text books

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:The EISA papers will be hard copy and if there is any additional documents to be provided it will either be hard copy and/or soft copy. If soft copy documents are provided, it will be emailed to you. You will open your email box to receive electronic/soft copy documents and/or be given a flash drive with the documents saved on it to be copied over.

sheila cambitzis 2:is the last exams written in june available with solutions

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:We didnt have a TT EISA in July - only the EISA tender group from April. We did not publish that exam as it is not the "normal" format we use for a Tax Technician EISA

Savannah Lodge:With regards to the e-mailing of the additional documents, is it possible to provide

an alternative e-mail address on the day or prior to the exam? The reason for this is that I have provided my gmail account to SAIT for information purposes, however I will be using my company/work laptop during the exam, and gmail is blocked for security reasons.

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:1 Individual - Compliance 50 Written and/or typed (Excel/Word)2 Corporate - Compliance 50 Written and/or typed (Excel/Word)

Sebe 2:Hi Everyone. I just connected. I had a problem with my connection. My question is whether the ITC is an open book exam?

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:Hi Savannah, yes just inform Wilna at education@thesait.org.za if you want to use more than one email address

Savannah Lodge:perfect, thanks

Savannah Lodge:Thanks everyone! Good luck with the studies. I'm off :)

sheila cambitzis 2:thanks

Sebe 2:Hi Caretha, is the KCA an open book exam?

Sicelo:? IsGreetings, Caretha has the venue been confirmed

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:The invigilator will always make sure that everyone has all documents

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:The KCA/ITC - is written

Sebe 2:Are we allowed to come in with other sources

Sebe 2:sources of information

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:What sources are you referring?

Sebe 2:Notes and text books

Sebe 2:Hi. I'm covered. Thanks

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:notes have to be binded in lever arch or solid bounded

Sebe 2:Thanks

Sebe 2:I'm switching off

Sicelo:,,

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:Hi Sicelo did you receive an exam letter? - it should indicate your venue

Nokwethemba:is the ITC exam open book?are we allowed to bring notes on south african income tea

Nokwethemba:tax

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT:The ITC open book, written, notes if in lever arch or solid bound or published text book

Caretha_Head of Education_SAIT>Please remember to read what is asked and answer accordingly!

Nokwethemba:Hi I am a bit confused with regards to material to bring in for ITC exam,are we allowed to bring the Phillip Haupt text book for Notes on South African tax in the venue?I get the binded notes part

Webinar: 7 Nov

Wilna De Bruyn (SAIT):Testing

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):testing

Wilna De Bruyn (SAIT):Received

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):Hello

Wilna de Bruyn (SAIT):Hi

Mariam:Good Afternoon

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):Good afternoon

Mariam:May we ask question about the exam on this platform?

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):yes please

Mariam:Okay wonderful. Thank you for setting this up. I understand that the exam is open book - Does this mean that we may use notes? Or are we only allowed the Tax Acts and Textbooks?

Mariam:Are we allowed a limited number of textbooks?

Mariam:Also - When answering questions, is it compulsory to refer to section numbers or may we merely refer to the tax principles?

Mariam:I also noted that in some of the past papers, tax case law was quoted in the solutions. Is there a reading list or a set of recommended cases that we should refer to?

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):Hi Mariam, you are allowed all published text books and if your notes are bounded - thats fine as well...Our main concern is loose papers falling from a desk and another candidate having access to it.

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):Mariam - what exam are you writing; ITC or EISA?

Mariam:EISA

Mariam:Thank you for your response on the material that we may bring into the exam

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):There is an EISA syllabus - did you receive it

Mariam:I did not - however I will request this over email from Ms. de Bruyn. Thank you

Mariam:With regard to the Multiple Choice Questions in the exam, will these purely be based on selection a response or will we need to provide reasons/ show our calculations done in coming to a certain answer?

Mariam:Apologies for the influx of questions and the typos in the previous message

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):No, the multiple choice questions are purely choosing the right answer - there might be short calculation questions but we will then indicate that you have to show the calculation

Mariam:Wonderful - Thank you for your time and assistance. This is incredibly useful. Have you got any advice or recommendations in relation to preparing for the exam

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):Just go through past exams

Waseema:Good Afternoon, I wanted to know for the exam how will we be considered as competent (pass) ,if for example someone obtains a pass mark over 50% in 2/3 papers and in the reminder papers they fail but overall they obtain a 50% average does that consider them as competent?

Mariam:One last question - Will the exam be completed digitally or on paper, or will there be a mix? If a laptop will be used, are there any applications that we are required to have preinstalled? Will we need internet access?

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):Competence are determined per exit level outcomes and competence on that - but we look at Day 1 competence (paper 1 & 2) and then DAY 2 competence (advisory papers)

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.thesait.org.za/resource/resmgr/2018_edu/guides/tp_eisa_syllabus_oct2018.pdf

Mariam:Thank you so much

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):The exam simulates business environment - so you will have access to whatever you feel comfortable with (laptop, written, full wifi)

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):Just note that some of the supporting documents might only be available as soft copies (electronic)

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):you will receive your paper in hard copy

Mariam:This is incredibly useful. Thank you

Waseema:Thank you for advising on the competences

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):the link I shared will give you a good idea what you need to cover

Mariam:I see that specific cases are mentioned in the syllabus. This will be a useful guide

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):please remember that you do have full wifi access and enough time to research what you need to answer

Mariam:One last thing - have previous students coped with the time provided or was the time constraint a challenge?

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):there is enough time

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):we are assessing competence so do not want to test you on limited time

Mariam:Thank you. This Q&A session has been helpful. I look forward to the exam :)

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):@Mariam, let me know if there is anything else you have to ask after reviewing the syllabus

Mariam:I will do so - may I email you or Ms. de Bruyn with any queries?

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):both - clauscher@thesait.org.za

Mariam:Wonderful! Thank you again for your time and assistance. Enjoy your evening :)

Caretha (Head of Education SAIT):Thank you everyone - good luck!