

CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED SECONDARY

FAQS

1. What is AS and A level?

Cambridge International Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and Advanced (A) Levels are internationally benchmarked qualifications providing excellent preparation for university education. They are part of Cambridge International which is aligned with Indian grades XI and XII curriculum. The syllabuses prepare learners for universities worldwide value and recognize Cambridge International AS and A level qualifications.

2. What is the difference between AS and A level programme?

Cambridge International AS level has half the syllabus content of the A level. Cambridge International AS level is taken up in one examination series and final Cambridge International A level at a subsequent series. AS level marks can be carried forward to a full A level twice within a 13 month period.

3. When will the student give AS and A Level examinations?

Cambridge AS/A level assessments take place at the end of the course and include written and practical assessment. Cambridge allows students to appear for examinations in March, June and November series.

VGS offers students to appear in all three series, with specific subjects taken up in the respective series.

4. What are the grading criteria of AS and A level examinations?

Grades are benchmarked using internationally recognized grades, which have clear guidelines to explain the standard of achievements. The Cambridge International A level is reported on a grade scale from A*(highest) to E (minimum required performance). There is no A* grade for Cambridge International AS level.

5. What are the A level subjects offered at VGS?

Cambridge offers a range of Cambridge International AS & A level teaching support and resource materials for each subject. At VGS, subjects offered at A levels are:
Science: English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Mathematics, Information Technology
Commerce: English, Accounts, Business, Economics, Mathematics/Information Technology.

6. What are the options available after completing AS and A level?

A level prepares the students for university education. It also qualifies student to appear for entrance examinations for any professional course. An international agreement facilitates the recognition of foreign studies among the signatory countries. After A levels, many students continue with their education by applying to higher education degree, Advanced or higher apprenticeship or apply for employment with training.

7. How is AS and A level different from any other board of India?

AS and A level curriculum is more practical and application based. It enhances student's knowledge, reasoning power and problem solving abilities which is required to clear all professional entrance examinations.

8. How are the AS and A level studies helpful for a student in giving any Indian Professional Competitive Examinations?

The A levels are particularly useful for students who wish to pursue their college education abroad since these qualifications lead to course-credits, scholarships- even full scholarships of 100% for very bright students- and solid foundations for university educations. The school leaving A level qualifications are widely accepted in India for the purpose of admissions to Indian colleges and universities, as well as meeting eligibility criteria for competitive examinations like the Joint EntranceTest.

A full list of Indian institutes that accept Cambridge qualifications can be seen from www.cambridgeinternational.org/images/301400-india-recognition-statements-as-level.pdf