

# 2019 Science Assessment Test (Secondary 2 and 3)

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the test is to assess the science process skills of students at <u>Secondary 2 and 3 levels</u> in Hong Kong and in nearby regions, and to provide feedback to schools on the strengths and weaknesses of students in the test for the improvement of science teaching and learning.

## **Assessment Objectives:**

The test aims at testing participants' science process skills, which include *observing*, *classifying*, *measuring*, *planning* and *designing*, *inferring* and *predicting*, and *communicating*.

Target:	Secondary 2 and 3 students
Date:	27 April 2019 (Sat), AM
Venue:	Kit Sam Lam Bing Yim Secondary School (Fu Mei St., Wang Tau Hom) 潔心林炳炎中學 (九龍橫頭磡富美街)
Paper Language:	Bilingual (中英對照)
<b>Enrollment Fee:</b>	HK\$60 per student
Website:	http://www.hkasme.org/ (PROJECTS 專題項目> Science Assessment Test 科學評核測驗)
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	9 April 2019 (Tue)
Release of Results:	28 June 2019 (Fri)

#### **Test Content:**

The test is based on the knowledge and skills acquired by S1 and S2 students as outlined in Science Curriculum Guide (S1-3) published by the Curriculum Development Council of the Education Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. However, participants are not required to recall facts and knowledge from the curriculum.

Some questions in the test are set on unfamiliar situations. For such questions, sufficient information will be provided to participants so that they should be able to know what the questions are expected of and can apply their skills in tackling the problems.

## **Test Specifications:**

(1)	Test duration:	1 hour (~35 minutes for the multiple-choice questions; ~25 minutes for
		the short-response questions)
(2)	Test paper:	24 multiple-choice questions; 2 short-response questions

**Certificate and Brief Report for Student:** 

• A **certificate** will be issued to the student indicating the award he/she has achieved. There will

be five levels of award namely, Diamond (highest), Gold, Silver, Bronze and Participation.

Participants who are able to demonstrate a fundamental mastery of the science process skills

will be awarded a Bronze Award, while the best 5% will be awarded a Diamond Award. An

expert panel of the HKASME will decide, based on the performance of the participants, the

cut-off marks for the Gold and Silver Awards.

• A brief report will be given to the student indicating his/her answer, the correct key and the

overall correct percentage for each M.C. question.

**Question Paper and Report for Teacher Coordinator:** 

• The teacher coordinator will receive the question papers with the MC keys and the marks for

all his/her students.

• For school that presented 30 students or more for the test, the teacher coordinator will receive a

school-based report analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of his/her students.

• A dissemination seminar will be held on 28 June 2019 (Fri) to share the findings and students'

performance in the test. It is **restricted to** the teacher coordinators.

**School-based Option:** 

For school that has 30 students or more enrolled in the test, the teacher coordinator can conduct the

test in his/her own school between 29 April and 10 May 2019. The school should assign a person to

collect the question papers and materials from our office before the test, and return all of them to us

immediately after the test for our marking purpose.

**Enrollment:** 

Please complete the attached enrollment EXCEL file and return it by email to

project@hkasme.org; and send a crossed cheque payable to "HKASME LTD" with the

appropriate total amount (*HK\$60 per student*) by post to the address below.

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(Re: 2019 Science Assessment Test)

**Enquiry:** 

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