
CHARTERED GOVERNANCE QUALIFYING PROGRAMME (CGQP)

COURSEWORK GUIDELINES

- COMPANY LAW
 - INTERPRETING FINANCIAL AND
ACCOUNTING INFORMATION
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With effect from the November 2024 examination diet, a new assessment format will be introduced for the Level 1 subject(s) of the Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme (CGQP), namely Company Law (CL) and Interpreting Financial and Accounting Information (IFAI). This format comprises two components: an individual assignment and a final examination. Each subject will be evaluated with a 30% allocation to the assignment assessment and 70% to the final written examination.

The implementation of these two assessment components aims to distribute the assessment of required knowledge and skills more evenly throughout the subject(s), rather than conducting a comprehensive examination solely at the end of the course.

The assignment assessment offers students an opportunity to demonstrate a deeper understanding of learning outcomes by engaging in the interpretation, analysis, and synthesis of the subject matter. This contrasts with the intense environment typically experienced during examinations.

1. Registration for Assignment Assessment and Examination

Registration for the June examination diet opens in March, while registration for the November examination diet typically opens in August each year. To complete the Company Law (CL) and Interpreting Financial and Accounting Information (IFAI) subjects, candidates must make the required payment to MAICSA by 31st March for the June examination diet and by 31st August for the November examination diet.

2. Assignment Question

Candidates are encouraged to review the pilot paper published on the MAICSA website.

Upon submission of the examination entry form and payment, candidates will receive an email notification confirming their successful registration for the respective subject(s). The expected date of receiving the coursework question(s) will be no later than April for the June examination diet or September for the November examination diet.

3. Completion of Assignment

Candidates are requested to read the instructions provided on the assignment question paper, as the instructions may differ for Company Law and IFAI. It is crucial that the answers to the assignment questions are also presented neatly. Candidates **MUST** use the ANSWER TEMPLATE provided in the MAICSA LMS.

The structure of the assignment is based on a standard format which contains the 3 main sections: **Preliminary**, **Main Text** (*answers to the assignment questions*) & **Supplementary**.

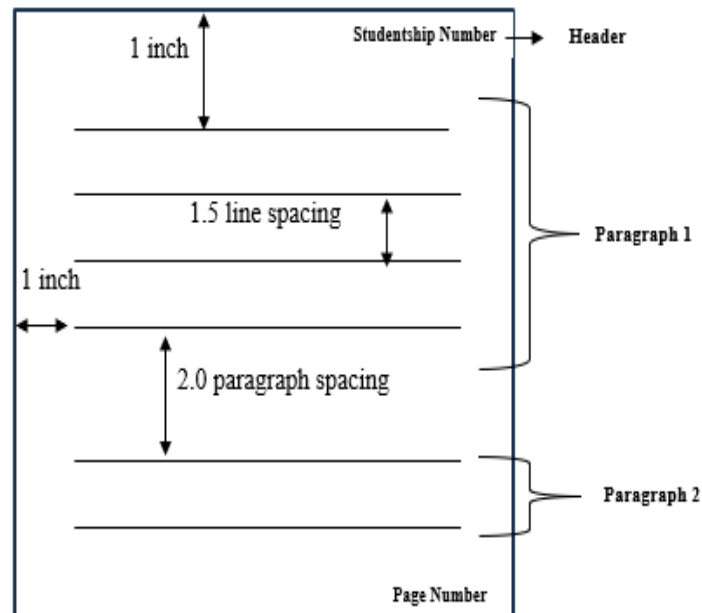
3.1 Preliminary

- Original Work Declaration Form – This form must be completed by the candidate in the ANSWER TEMPLATE available in the MAICSA LMS.

Enter **MAICSA LMS** > Enter your **Username & Password** > Click on **Classes** from the main menu > Click on **Enrolled** > Choose your relevant registered coursework **CGQP Company Law Coursework**OR... **CGQP IFAI Coursework**.... > Enter Lessons > Locate the relevant assignment > Download the **Question Paper** & the **Answer Template** (*which includes the Original Work Declaration as well*) > Begin preparing your answers using the **Answer Template**

3.2 Main Text

The answers to the assignments should be typed using New Times Roman font size 12, with one-inch margins on all sides. The line spacing should be set to 1.5. The paragraph spacing should be set to 2.0. Each page of the completed assignments should have clearly printed page numbers, and the studentship number should appear in the header of every page. It is important not to include any names in the assignment file.



Please refer and **STRICTLY** adhere to the word count stated in the assignment instructions.

Candidates will have **4 weeks (30 days)**, starting from the assignment release date, to submit their completed work to MAICSA. No extensions will be granted for assignment submissions.

When submitting the documents, the candidate must ensure all the required documents are only

in ONE merged document in PDF format. Kindly follow the answer template that can be downloaded in the [Learning Management System](#).

All completed assignment(s) must be uploaded to Dropbox in the [Learning Management System](#) on or before the submission dated stipulated in the assignment question. Any further inquiries please contact examinations@maicsa.org.my

When submitting the documents, the candidate must ensure that all the required documents are in merged PDF format. Incomplete submissions will not be marked by the examiners. The following documents must be arranged and merged in the following order:

- Assignment Answers Correctly Numbered
- Reference (*to be merged along with the Assignment Answers towards the end*)

3.3 Supplementary

Specific items not included in the text's main body should be put in this section. As for this assignment, only references are required.

3.3.1 References

All Works referred to in the assignment as quotations or citations must be included in the references.

The references should be written consistently in the American Psychological Association (APA) format. Each reference should be written in spacing format and a double space should be left between references. The reference list must be arranged in alphabetical order and not numbered.

Buchwalow, I. B., & Böcker, W. (2010). *Immunohistochemistry: basics and methods*. Berlin: Springer Verlag.

Caamaño-Tubío, R. I., Pérez, J., Ferreiro, S., & Aldegunde, M. (2007). Peripheral serotonin dynamics in the rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology Part C: Toxicology & Pharmacology*, 145(2), 245-255.

Reference citations in text require the following information:

- Last name of the author
- The year of publication
- The page number for the reference

4. Marking of Assignment

All answers received will be compiled and forwarded to the Examiner(s) within 3 working days from the submission date.

5. Aggregate Marks to Pass

To pass a subject, students must obtain a minimum mark of 50% in the respective whole subject(s).

Scenario 1 –Passing Due to Above Minimum Passing Marks.

Keynote: m represents marks.

Example: Subject Y has Component A & B.

Component A: Assignment

Total Assignment marks: $100m = 30\%$

Passing mark for Assignment: $50m = 15\%$

Candidate obtains 11%.

Component B: Written Examination

Total Written Examination : $100m = 70\%$

Passing mark for Written Examination: $50m = 35\%$

Candidate obtains 40%.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Component A} + \text{Component B} &= 11\% + 40\% \\ &= 51\%\end{aligned}$$

Results: Candidate has passed Subject Y

Scenario 2 - Failing Due to Below Minimum Passing Marks.

Example: Subject X has Component A & B.

Component A: Assignment

Total Assignment marks: $100m = 30\%$

Passing mark for Assignment: $50m = 15\%$

Candidate obtains 12%.

Component B: Written Examination

Total Written Examination : $100m = 70\%$

Passing mark for Written Examination: $50m = 35\%$

Candidate obtains 35%.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Component A} + \text{Component B} &= 12\% + 35\% \\ &= 47\%\end{aligned}$$

Results: Candidate has failed Subject X

6. Notification of Results

MAICSA shall be the sole issuer of the Notification of Results. The Student and Education Department will communicate the coursework assignment results to each candidate via email.

The communication of the coursework assignment results is subject to change. Any updates will be posted on the MAICSA website.

Please note that only registered MAICSA candidates who have paid the required fees will be eligible to view the results notification online.

7. Re-sit Policy

Candidates who have failed a module are required to re-sit the examination within the period of their studentship and any granted extension period, subject to the applicable fee.

8. Ethical Use and Misuse of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Assignment Production

Candidates are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity and ethics in the production of their assignments. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools and software is permitted only to the extent that it assists in the research, organisation, and presentation of information. Any use of AI includes, but is not limited to, generating text, completing assignments, or producing any work that violates academic honesty.

Violations of this clause will be considered a serious breach of academic integrity and may result in disciplinary actions, including nullification of the assignment, failure of the subject, or further academic penalties as deemed appropriate by the Institute.

9. Procedure of Submission

The completed assignment must be submitted via MAICSA LMS:

Enter **MAICSA LMS** > Enter your **Username & Password** > Click on **Classes** from the main menu > Click on **Enrolled** > Choose your relevant registered coursework **CGQP Company Law Coursework**OR... **CGQP IFAI Coursework....** > Enter Lessons > Locate the relevant assignment > Download the **Question Paper** & the **Answer Template** (*which includes the **Original Work Declaration** as well*) > Begin preparing your answers using the **Answer Template** >

Once you are ready to Submit your Final Answers

Ensure your answers are **completed in the Answer Template provided** > Merge all pages into **ONE PDF document** (*including the **Original Work Declaration and Reference***) > Click on **Add attachments** > Upload your **ONE merged PDF document into the Dropbox** > Click **Save and submit for grading** > Logout.

MAICSA shall not be held responsible for any submissions that fail to be delivered due to issues. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that their submission has been successfully received by MAICSA.

For further assistance, please drop an email to examinations@maicsa.org.my

APPENDIX

THE MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS

ORIGINAL WORK DECLARATION FORM

Students ID No:

Date:

I.C / Passport No:

Coursework Subject: (a) Company Law ☐

(b) Interpreting Financial and Accounting Information ☐

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- iii. Any use of any work in which copyright exists was done by way of fair dealing and for permitted purposes and any excerpt or extract from, or reference to or reproduction of any copyright work has been disclosed expressly and sufficiently and the title of the Work and its authorship have been acknowledged in this Work;
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