



Curriculum Description for London IGCSE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE (4355)

There are two routes of assessment:

- 100% examination
- 80 % examination and 20 % coursework

Summary of Scheme of Assessment

Paper/ Component	Mode of assessment	Weighting	Length
1	Examination Paper 1F Foundation Tier Grades C – G	70%	2 hours
2	Examination Paper 2H Higher Tier Grades A* - D	70%	2 hours
3	Examination Paper 3, common to Both tiers Grades A* - G	30%	1 ½ hours
4	Written coursework, common to both tiers Grades A* - G	20%	Two Assignments
5	and Speaking and listening coursework Common to both tiers Grades A* - G	10%	Two Assignments

Route 1, 100% examination: Paper 1F (Foundation Tier) or Paper 2H (Higher Tier) plus paper 3 (Foundation and Higher tiers in one paper)

Route 2, 70% examination and 30% coursework: Paper 1F (Foundation Tier) or Paper 2H (Higher Tier) plus component 4 (written coursework) and component 5 (speaking and listening coursework)

Foundation Tier students on route 1 will take Paper 1F and Paper 3.

Foundation Tier students on route 2 will take paper 1F and components 4 and 5.

Higher Tier students on route 1 will take Paper 2H and Paper 3.

Higher Tier students on route 2 will take Paper 2H and components 4 and 5.

Specification content

Paper 1F (Foundation Tier) and Paper 2H (Higher Tier)

Reading: questions to test understanding of an unprepared reading passage and a passage from Section A of the London Examinations Anthology.

Writing: a short task based on the topic of the Section A reading passage, and a task to test writing to *inform, explain, describe*.

Paper 3 (common to both tiers, examination alternative to coursework)

Reading: a question to test understanding of Section B of the London Examinations Anthology.

Writing: a choice of tasks to test writing to explore, imagine, entertain and writing to argue, persuade, advise.

Component 4 (common to both tiers, written coursework)

Reading: a piece of writing responding to Section B of the London Examinations Anthology.

Writing: a piece of personal and imaginative writing.

AND

Component 5 (common to both tiers, speaking and listening coursework)

An individual talk

Group work.

Additional Information

IGCSE English qualifications are recognised as equivalent, grade to grade, to a UK GCSE and have the same status in terms of university entry requirements. This qualification provides many progression opportunities. On successful completion, students can choose to further their studies by taking GCE AS and A level English courses, or other equivalent qualifications.

Study is based on an anthology of fiction and non-fiction texts. The texts have been carefully chosen to illustrate the range of reading required at this level. Through studying these texts students will learn about the conventions of different forms and styles of writing, and can use these as models for their own writing. This approach has the added benefit of helping students prepare for their final exams, as they are assessed on both the anthology pieces they have studied, and their responses to unprepared reading material.