



**ST. FRANCIS
METHODIST SCHOOL**
Possibilities to Realities

Curriculum Description for Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'O' Level

Cambridge 'O' Level English

This course aims to establish a certain minimum standard of English efficiency for potential employers. It tests description, a certain level of critical awareness and analysis as well as comprehension ability. It cannot be taught theoretically and totally from a textbook and requires several years of personal reading to assimilate natural phrases and word patterns. It also demands a certain level of English conversation, articulation and oral reading to a reasonable level of maturity.

Scheme of Papers

The examination consists of 2 Written Papers and 1 Oral Examination which is examined by teachers from other secondary schools.

Paper 1 This paper is divided into 2 sections. The first section comprises the Essay. One essay has to be chosen out of ten titles. The essays can be Descriptive, Narrative, or Analytical. The second section comprises Functional Writing based on the information given and is likely to take the form of a letter, a report or a speech. The total raw score marks are 50 for this paper.

Paper 2 This paper comprises a Comprehension based on 2 passages thematically linked and a Summary. The total raw score marks are 60 for this paper.

Oral Examination This is normally held earlier than the main examinations. It comprises three parts – Reading Aloud, Analysis of a Photograph and a 3 Minute Conversation. The total raw score marks are 40 for this exam.

Candidates are warned that marks will be deducted for bad Spelling and Punctuation and poor Expression. Candidates are not allowed to use correction fluid in the examination room.

Please refer to the SEAB website for more information regarding this course.
<http://www.seab.gov.sg>