

GCSE English Language Specification Addendum

Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2021–2022)

This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification

The table below shows the units available for November 2021 and Summer 2022 cash in and details where applicable:

- the unit eligible for omission; and
- any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions.

Please note: This applies only to candidates who started their GCSE course in September 2020 and are cashing-in at qualification level in November 2021 or Summer 2022

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
Unit 1: Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-fiction and Media Texts	External written examination Untiered 1 hour 45 mins Students complete five tasks.	30%	No changes
Unit 2: Speaking and Listening	Controlled assessment Untiered Teachers mark the tasks, and we moderate the results.	20%	No changes

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Unit 3: Studying Spoken and Written Language	Controlled assessment Untiered Teachers mark the tasks, and we moderate the results.	20%	This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification level grade in November 2021 or Summer 2022. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.
Unit 4: Personal or Creative Writing and Reading Literary and Non-fiction Texts	External written examination Untiered 1 hour 45 mins Students complete four tasks.	30%	No changes

For those students who started their GCSE course in September 2020 and are due to cash in the full GCSE in November 2021 or Summer 2022, should they choose to sit all units of the GCSE, they will receive the higher of either:

- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units specified by CCEA; or
- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification.

In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered.

For candidates starting the qualification in September 2021 it is recommended that, as far as possible, the units are delivered in the following order in case of any further disruption to the academic year:

- Unit 1
- Unit 4
- Unit 2
- Unit 3