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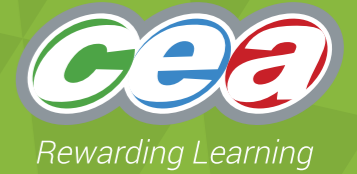
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THE REVISION

For first teaching from September 2016

For first award of AS level in summer 2017

For first award of A level in summer 2018

German

Specification Snapshot



Overview

This specification allows students to develop their language skills, their communication skills, their knowledge and their understanding of societal, political and cultural issues in countries or communities in which the German language is spoken.

It provides opportunities for students to engage in independent research into areas of personal interest related to German-speaking countries or communities and to present their findings. Assessment at A2 includes varied question types, more evaluative tasks and synoptic assessment. There is a choice of films and literary works.

The specification gives students a sound basis for progression to further study, higher education and employment through skills development. The assessment units are summarised in the Content and Assessment section.



Specification Summary

AS: 40% of A level

- **AS 1: Speaking** – Presentation [3 minutes] and a conversation [8 minutes]
- **AS 2:**
[Section A] **Listening** – Two questions based on two passages [40 minutes]
Sections B and C last 1 hour 20 minutes
[Section B] **Reading** – One set of questions in German based on one passage and a translation from German into English
[Section C] **Use of Language** – A series of short grammatical and lexical exercises and the translation of short sentences from English into German
- **AS 3: Extended Writing** – One essay response based on one set text [1 hour]

A2: 60% of A level

- **A2 1: Speaking** – Introduction [1 minute] and discussion [5 minutes] based on an individual research project, conversation [9 minutes] based on A level themes
- **A2 2:** Total 2 hours
[Section A] **Listening** – Two sets of questions based on two passages [45 minutes]
[Section B] **Reading** – Two sets of questions based on two passages, a summary exercise and a translation [2 hours]
- **A2 3: Extended Writing** – One essay response based on one set text [1 hour]



Benefits to Students

We have designed this specification to help learners develop:

- an interest in, an enthusiasm for, and an enjoyment of learning German, including an awareness and understanding of contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of German-speaking countries and communities;
- knowledge, skills and understanding for practical use, further study, higher education, employment or career opportunities, including the ability to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively with speakers of German for a range of purposes; and
- the ability to draw together different areas of linguistic competence and develop higher order thinking skills such as independent learning, analysis and evaluative thinking.

Content	Content Summary	Assessment	Weightings
AS 1: Speaking	Question 1 – Presentation 3 minutes Question 2 – Conversation 8 minutes	Visiting Examiner Total: 11 minutes	30% of AS level 12% of A level
AS 2: Listening, Reading and Use of Language	Listening [A]: Two sets of questions based on discrete passages recorded on disk Recording 1 – Students answer in German Recording 2 – Students answer in English Reading [B]: Question 1 – Students answer one set of questions in German Question 2 – Students translate a passage from German into English Use of Language [C]: Questions 1 to 4 – Students complete a series of short grammatical and lexical exercises Question 5 – Students translate short sentences from English into German	Examination Total: 40 minutes Examination Reading [50 minutes approx] and Use of Language [30 minutes approx] Total: 1 hour 20 minutes	40% of AS level 16% of A level
AS 3: Extended Writing	Students write one essay in German in response to a set film or literary text	Examination Total: 1 hour	30% of AS level 12% of A level AS: 40% of A level
A2 1: Speaking	Question 1 – Introduction [1 minute] and discussion [5 minutes] on an individual research project based on one of three options Question 2 – Conversation [9 minutes]	Visiting Examiner Total: 15 minutes	18% of A level
A2 2: Listening and Reading	Listening [A]: Two sets of questions based on discrete passages recorded on disk Recording 1 – Students answer in German Recording 2 – Students answer in English Reading [B]: Question 1 – Students answer one set of questions in German Question 2 – Students translate a passage from English into German	Examination: 45 minutes Examination: 2 hours Total: 2 hours 45 minutes	24% of A level
A2 3: Extended Writing	Students write one essay in German in response to a set literary text	Examination Total: 1 hour	18% of A level A2: 60% of A level

Why Teach German?

Understanding German offers many work opportunities and it is the second most commonly used scientific language.

Germany is an important economy in Europe and worldwide being one of the world's leading contributors to research and development.

German speaking countries award generous scholarships and opportunities for young people to work in those countries.