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Grade descriptors for GCSEs graded 9 to 1: modern foreign languages

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1.

Grade 8

1.1 To achieve Grade 8 candidates will be able to:

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Listening

- respond effectively to spoken language including more complex and extended passages, extracting information, identifying opinions and drawing conclusions

Speaking

- initiate and sustain detailed conversations manipulating language mostly accurately, expressing ideas and justifying opinions and responding effectively to unpredictable questions
- use mostly accurate pronunciation and intonation

Reading

- respond effectively to written language including more complex and extended texts, identifying opinions and inferring meaning

Writing

- write effectively for different purposes explaining ideas, expressing and justifying opinions and manipulating vocabulary and grammar, including some more complex language, mostly accurately

2.

Grade 5

2.1 To achieve Grade 5 candidates will be able to:

Listening

- respond appropriately to spoken language including some more extended passages, identifying overall messages, key points, details and opinions

Speaking

- develop conversations manipulating language with reasonable accuracy, expressing opinions and responding appropriately to unpredictable questions
- use generally accurate pronunciation and intonation

Reading

- respond appropriately to written language including some more extended texts, identifying overall messages, key points, details and opinions

Writing

- write clearly for different purposes, expressing ideas and opinions and manipulating vocabulary and grammar with reasonable accuracy

3.

Grade 2

3.1 To achieve Grade 2 candidates will be able to:

Listening

- respond to basic and familiar spoken language, identifying key points, and some details

Speaking

- participate in conversations expressing simple opinions and using a limited range of language with some accuracy
- use mainly understandable pronunciation and intonation

Reading

- respond to familiar language in straightforward texts, identifying key points and some details

Writing

- convey meaning and express simple opinions in familiar contexts using a limited range of language with some accuracy

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