

Changes to GCSE Modern foreign languages Gujarati 2021

Only words on the Vocabulary List to be used

Ofqual is lifting the requirement to include non-minimum core vocabulary (MCV) words in the listening and reading papers for summer 2021. Pearson shall review their papers accordingly. Any words that do not appear in the specification's vocabulary list will be removed or glossed. Pearson shall confirm details on this in due course.

Speaking Examination removed from 2021 examinations

Paper 2 (Speaking) will not be assessed in summer 2021 in any of the GCSEs in languages. The assessment of the qualification will be completely based on the skills of listening, reading and writing. Consequently, Papers 1, 3 and 4 will now account for 100% of the GCSE qualification and will each be equally weighted at 33.33%. A separate speaking endorsement will, however, be available.

Speaking Endorsement to replace GCSE grade for Speaking

The speaking assessment will not be graded 9-1 like the GCSE papers that are formally examined. Instead, teachers will provide an indication of their students' level of target-language speaking according to Ofqual common criteria that will link to a four-point scale: *not classified*, *pass*, *merit* and *distinction*. Common assessment criteria will be provided by Ofqual in due course following collaboration across all awarding organisations. The GCSE speaking endorsement will not be tiered so the same assessment criteria will apply to *all candidates* regardless of their tier of entry for the language qualification.

Teachers will draw on each student's overall speaking performance during normal speaking activities in the classroom. There will be no 'one-off' test within a prescribed assessment window. It is expected that teachers will submit each student's level in target-language speaking based on their work during the course of study. The window for the submission of levels will be confirmed in due course. There will be no Pearson-Edexcel moderation of the speaking endorsement.

What about External student entries?

It is possible for a speaking endorsement grade to be submitted for a candidate studying a language that is not taught at your school or college. In such cases, your centre would need to provide and authenticate the candidate's level in target-language speaking to confirm that it accurately reflects of their target-language speaking skills profile. To do this, centres may bring in external tutors or other specialist language trainers to assess the candidate. If it is not possible for a centre to authenticate, a candidate could still be entered for the GCSE qualification but would receive a 'not classified' result for the speaking endorsement.

Spoken Endorsement level shown on GCSE certificate

The spoken endorsement level will feature on each candidate's GCSE certificate alongside their combined grade from Papers 1, 3 and 4. It must also be noted that, if

no speaking endorsement level is provided for a student, the endorsement will be reported as 'not classified' on the GCSE certificate.

Giving more choice by adding optional questions

Question 2 in Paper 4 Foundation will now have an additional optional question and each will each relate to a different theme.

Foundation Paper 4 will now have 5 extra minutes making a total time of 1 hour 20 minutes to ensure students have sufficient time to read the options and make decisions.

Question 1 in Paper 4 Foundation will not include coverage of Theme 5 (International and global dimension)

Question 4 in Paper 4 Foundation will not include coverage of Theme 5 (International and global dimension)

Question 3 Paper 4 Higher will not include coverage of Theme 5 (International and global dimension)

Pearson will also be changing the topic titles of the questions into English to aid swift identification of themes by students.

No changes for Higher Tier

Pearson will not be making changes to the Higher tier as optionality is already available for all questions except for the translation.

Provisional dates for GCSE and A Level Examinations 2021

GCSE

Paper 1	Listening	15 June 2021	Afternoon
Paper 3	Reading	15 June 2021	Afternoon
Paper 4	Writing	23 June 2021	Afternoon

A Level

Paper 1	28 May 2021	Morning
Paper 2	9 June 2021	Afternoon
Paper 3	14 June 2021	Afternoon