

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer

Date: January 2011

Subject: Replacement pages for the *OCR Admin Guide and Entry Codes: 14–19 Qualifications*.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE GCSE ENTRY INFORMATION

Please see below a summary of the amendments to the enclosed pages of the *OCR Admin Guide and Entry Codes: 14–19 Qualifications 2010/2011*.

Amendment to entry options for GCSE English Language J355

Please note that for Unit A652 Speaking and Listening and Spoken Language, marks must be entered separately. As a result there are now additional components in each entry option and both components in either entry option must be entered at the same time. We enclose the amended page for you to replace.

Correction of the terminal rule percentage weighting for GCSE (Double Award) Engineering J344

The information regarding the percentage weighting of A622A and A622B (Engineering Processes) is incorrect; the percentage weighting is 20% when the unit is used towards the Double Award. We enclose the amended page for you to replace.

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.

ENGINEERING (Unitised)		Availability		Max Uniform Mark	Terminal Rule % weighting
		January 2011 1A11	June 2011 6A11		
Entry Codes and Rules of Combination					
J322	GCSE Engineering (Certification)	—	!	150	
For a certificate candidates must have taken two units as follows:					
one from:					
Engineering Processes					
A622A	01 Computer Based Test	—	CB	60	40%
A622B	02 Written Paper	T	T	60	40%
and one from:					
1A Study of an Engineered Product and 1B Engineering Product					
A621A	◇ 01 OCR Repository (1A and 1B)	M ^R	M ^R	90	60%
A621B	◇ 02 Postal Moderation (1A and 1B)	M ^P	M ^P	90	60%
J344	GCSE (Double Award) Engineering (Certification)	—	!	300	
For a certificate candidates must have taken four units as follows:					
1A Study of an Engineered Product and 1B Engineering Product					
A621A	◇ 01 OCR Repository (1A and 1B)	M ^R	M ^R	90	30%
A621B	◇ 02 Postal Moderation (1A and 1B)	M ^P	M ^P	90	30%
and one from:					
Engineering Processes					
A622A	01 Computer Based Test	—	CB	60	20%
A622B	02 Written Paper	T	T	60	20%
and one from:					
3A Real World Engineering and 3B Making an Engineered Product					
A623A	◇ 01 OCR Repository (3A and 3B)	M ^R	M ^R	90	30%
A623B	◇ 02 Postal Moderation (3A and 3B)	M ^P	M ^P	90	30%
and one from:					
Impact of Modern Technologies on Engineering					
A624A	01 Computer Based Test	—	CB	60	20%
A624B	02 Written Paper	T	T	60	20%
Notes:	<p>The Terminal Rule: at least 40% of the assessment must be taken in the same examination series as certification.</p> <p>◇ For each of these units all controlled assessment must be submitted using the same entry option. Centres can choose different options for different units.</p> <p>From June 2011 all units and certifications J322 and J344 will be available in the June and January series.</p>				

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ENGLISH (Unitised) (new for teaching from September 2010)		Availability		Max Uniform Mark	Terminal Rule % weighting
		January 2011 1A11	June 2011 6A11		
Entry Codes and Rules of Combination					
J350	GCSE English (Certification)	—	—	300	
For a certificate candidates must have taken four units as follows:					
one from:					
Reading Literary Texts					
A641A	◇ 01 OCR Repository	M ^R	M ^R	60	20%
A641B	◇ 02 Postal Moderation	M ^P	M ^P	60	20%
and one from:					
Imaginative Writing					
A642A	◇ 01 OCR Repository	M ^R	M ^R	60	20%
A642B	◇ 02 Postal Moderation	M ^P	M ^P	60	20%
and:					
Speaking and Listening					
A643A	◇ 01 OCR Repository	M ^R	M ^R	60	20%
A643B	◇ 02 Postal Moderation	M ^P	M ^P	60	20%
and one from:					
Information and Ideas					
A680F	01 Foundation Tier	T	T	83	40%
A680H	02 Higher Tier	T	T	120	40%
Notes:	<p>The Terminal Rule: at least 40% of the assessment must be taken in the same examination series as certification.</p> <p>◇ For each of these units all controlled assessment must be submitted using the same entry option. Centres can choose different options for different units.</p> <p>From June 2012 certification J350 will be available in the June and January series.</p>				

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***ENGLISH (OPENING MINDS) (Unitised)**

Entry Codes and Rules of Combination		Availability		Max Uniform Mark
		January 2011 1A11	June 2011 6A11	
1900	GCSE English (Certification)	!	!	300
2435	For a certificate candidates must have taken the following mandatory unit: English: Speaking and Listening (Coursework)	M ^P	M ^P	60
and one from:				
2431F	English: Non-fiction, Media and Information 01 Foundation Tier	T	T	62
2431H	02 Higher Tier	T	T	90
and one from:				
2432F	English: Different Cultures, Analysis and Argument 01 Foundation Tier	T	T	62
2432H	02 Higher Tier	T	T	90
and EITHER one from *:				
2433F	English: Literary Heritage and Imaginative Writing 01 Foundation Tier	T	T	41
2433H	02 Higher Tier	T	T	60
OR *				
2434	English: Literary Heritage and Imaginative Writing (Coursework)	M ^P	M ^P	60

Notes: It is not obligatory for candidates to enter for all units at the same tier. Candidates may not attempt a unit at both tiers in the same examination series.

* Candidates may enter for *either* unit 2433 *or* unit 2434, *or both*. However, **only one** of these units may be counted for the award of an overall grade.

The Terminal Rule:

In the final series, candidates must take AT LEAST 50% of the GCSE qualification by external examination.

This means that:

- in the final series, units **2431 and 2432** must be taken by candidates who follow the coursework route (units 2431, 2432, 2434, 2435);
- in the final series, units **2431 and 2432 or 2431 and 2433 or 2432 and 2433** must be taken by candidates who follow the examination alternative route (units 2431, 2432, 2433, 2435);
- **the results gained in the units taken to satisfy the Terminal Rule override any results previously gained for those units;**
- **a candidate who does not meet the Terminal Rule cannot be issued with a certificate grade for GCSE English 1900;**
- **candidates retaking any units and intending to certificate must ensure that enough external units are taken to meet the Terminal Rule.**

Table to show requirements for certification (units marked with ^T are terminal and must be taken in the same series as certification):

English 1900	Unit 2431	Unit 2432	Unit 2433	Unit 2434	Unit 2435
Coursework route	^T	^T		M ^P	M ^P
Examination alternative route	^T	^T	T		M ^P
	^T	T	^T		M ^P
	T	^T	^T		M ^P

* Final availability of this specification is January 2012.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (Unitised)
(new for teaching from September 2010)

Entry Codes and Rules of Combination		Availability		Max Uniform Mark	Terminal Rule % weighting
		January 2011 1A11	June 2011 6A11		
J355	GCSE English Language (Certification)	—	—	300	
For a certificate candidates must have taken three units as follows: one from: Extended Literary Text and Imaginative Writing A651A ◊ 01 OCR Repository A651B ◊ 02 Postal Moderation		M ^R M ^P	M ^R M ^P	90 90	30% 30%
and EITHER: Speaking and Listening and Spoken Language A652A ◊ 01 Spoken Language (OCR Repository) 03 Speaking and Listening (OCR Repository) OR A652B ◊ 02 Spoken Language (Postal Moderation) 04 Speaking and Listening (Postal Moderation)		M ^R M ^R	M ^R M ^R	30 60	30%
and one from: Information and Ideas A680F 01 Foundation Tier A680H 02 Higher Tier		T T	T T	83 120	40% 40%
<p>Notes: The Terminal Rule: at least 40% of the assessment must be taken in the same examination series as certification.</p> <p>◊ For each of these units all controlled assessment must be submitted using the same entry option. Centres can choose different options for different units.</p> <p>From June 2012 certification J355 will be available in the June and January series.</p>					

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