

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) in the UK and USA

With effect from the June 2003 examination Cambridge International Examinations will only accept entries in the UK and USA from students registered on courses at CIE registered Centres.

UK and USA private candidates will not be eligible to enter CIE examinations unless they are repatriating from outside the UK/USA and are part way through a course leading to a CIE examination. In that case a letter of support from the Principal of the school which they had attended is required. Other UK and USA private candidates should not embark on courses leading to a CIE examination after June 2003.

This regulation applies only to entry by private candidates in the UK and USA. Entry by private candidates through Centres in other countries is not affected.

Further details are available from Customer Services at Cambridge International Examinations.

GCE Ordinary Level

3180 Arabic

ASSESSMENT

AVAILABILITY

3180 Arabic is available in November only.

RULES OF COMBINATION

Candidates will take Papers 1 and 2.

SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Paper 1		Paper 2	
duration	weighting	duration	weighting
1 h 30 mins	45%	1 h 30 mins	55%

DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS

Two papers containing the following sections will be set in each language:

PAPER 1: Composition (1 hour 30 mins) (45 marks)

Section A – Letter, Report or Speech, Dialogue (15 marks)

From a choice of three titles, one composition, of about 120 words, is to be written in the language. The choice of genres will allow candidates to demonstrate ability in using the written language to:

- communicate by letter
- compose a report or speech
- compose a dialogue.

Section B – Essay (30 marks)

From a choice of four titles (narrative, descriptive or argumentative), one essay of about 200 words is to be written in the language.

PAPER 2: Translation and Reading Comprehension (1 hour 30 mins) (55 marks)

Section A – Translation (30 marks)

Candidates will be required to:

- translate a passage from the language into English (10 marks)
- translate a passage from English into the language (20 marks).

Section B – Reading Comprehension (25 marks)

Candidates will be required to answer a variety of questions testing understanding of the passage.