

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

3204 Bengali

ASSESSMENT

AVAILABILITY

3204 Bengali is available in both June and November.

RULES OF COMBINATION

Candidates will take Papers 1 and 2.

SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

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

DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS

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

Note: Centres and candidates should note that the use of dictionaries is not permitted in any assessment.

PAPER 1: Composition (2 hours) (90 marks)

Section A – Letter, Report, Dialogue or Speech (30 marks)

- From a choice of two topics, one letter, report, dialogue or speech of about 120 words is to be written in the language.

Section B – Essay (60 marks)

- From a choice of three topics, one essay of about 200 words is to be written in the language.

PAPER 2: Language Usage and Comprehension (1 hour 30 mins) (110 marks)

Section A – Language Usage (50 marks)

- Questions set will include Combination or Separation of Words, Idioms, Proverbs and Words in Pairs, Sentence Transformation and Cloze Passage.

Section B – Comprehension (multiple-choice questions) (14 marks)

- Seven questions based upon a prose passage of about 280 words will be set.

Section C – Comprehension (open-ended questions) and Vocabulary (46 marks)

- Six questions based upon a prose passage of about 270 words will be set. A Vocabulary question will follow the Comprehension questions in this section.