

Getting Started Guide



GCSE (9-1) German

Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in German (1GN0)

Getting Started: GCSE German 2016

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1. Introduction

The Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1) in German has been developed to help students of all abilities progress and develop a passion for languages, through culturally engaging content.

Key features of our GCSE German

The specification and Sample Assessment Materials have been developed in consultation with the languages community – subject associations, academics and advisors, together with hundreds of teachers and students. Drawing on feedback at every stage, the Edexcel specification has been developed to be an engaging and inspirational course of study that will enable your students to manipulate and use the target language effectively, independently and creatively, so that they have a solid basis from which to progress to A level or employment.

The 2016 specification has been built on the following key principles:

Engaging and popular topics

Our specification includes both familiar and new topics that you have told us you like and that motivate your students.

Manageable content

Our content has been structured across five themes. This flexible programme of study allows time for a focused revision period at the end of the course.

Content and assessments that provide an engaging real-world focus

The authentic situations and stimuli enable students to see language in context and learn about the culture of the target language country. Our assessments allow for spontaneity and test grammar, as well as providing plenty of opportunities for students to apply their knowledge independently, creatively, and in authentic situations.

Straightforward assessments that are accessible to all students

Special care has been taken to ensure that all our papers are designed to be clear and concise and, where appropriate, questions feature scaffolding to help all students progress through the assessments confidently. Reading and listening papers are structured so that questions set in the target language are in a separate section from those questions requiring responses in English. Both papers are also structured so that they are progressive in their level of demand with the most demanding question being the final question in the paper. Translation tasks are progressive in their level of difficulty and are of appropriate demand at each tier.

Carefully selected texts

We have worked closely with teachers and expert practitioners to ensure we include interesting and relevant texts at the right level for learners at each tier and that will encourage the use of a wide range of texts in the classroom.

Clear and precise assessment criteria

Our mark schemes have been trialled with sample student answers to ensure they reward students appropriately and that it is clear what is expected of learners at each band.

Continuous progression

Our content builds on the understanding developed at KS2 and KS3 while also ensuring that learners new to the subject are appropriately supported, and provides a firm foundation for students to make a smooth transition to A level.

Support for the new specification

This Getting Started guide provides an overview of the new GCSE specification, to help you get to grips with the changes to content and assessment, and to help you understand what these mean for you and your students.

We are providing a package of support to help you plan and implement the new specification.

- **Planning:** In addition to the section in this guide, a course planner and schemes of work that you can adapt to suit your department are available.
- **Understanding the standard:** example student work with examiner commentaries
- **Tracking learner progress:** specimen papers to support formative assessments and mock exams
- **Personal, local support:** a network of leading practitioners across the country, providing online and face-to-face training events
- **Teaching and learning materials:** translation and literary text booklets and editable vocabulary sheets for use in class or for homework, together with a range of guides containing practical approaches to areas such as translation, using literary texts, incorporating culture and spontaneous speaking, plus a variety of resources and videos to support teaching and learning.

These support documents are available on the GCSE 2016 German pages on the Edexcel website: <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/german-2016/teaching-support.html>

2. What's changed?

2.1 What are the changes to the GCSE qualification?

GCSE German specifications are changing for first assessment 2018:

- The new 9–1 grading system will replace A*–G.
- There will be no controlled assessment component: all assessment will be through external examinations.
- All papers will be set and marked by the awarding organisation. This includes both speaking and writing examinations.
- The speaking test will be conducted by a teacher in the centre with materials supplied in advance and retained in secure conditions.
- Assessment weightings will be 25% per skill.
- Papers will be tiered but there will be no mixed tier entry. Students will be entered for a single tier across all papers, either Foundation or Higher.

Changes to content and assessment requirements for GCSE German

The content requirements¹ for GCSE German have been revised. All awarding organisations' specifications for GCSE German must meet these criteria. Full details of the subject criteria can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-modern-foreign-languages

- The reading paper will contain authentic stimuli, including some extracts from relevant abridged or adapted literary texts.
- There will be short translations from and into German.
- Some questions will be in German in the reading and listening papers.
- The compulsory topics will be linked to: identity and culture; local, national, international and global areas of interest; current and future study and employment (see Changes to specification content on page 5).

Changes to Assessment Objectives

The GCSE German Assessment Objectives have been revised for the new specification. Each of the four assessment objectives now carries a weighting of 25%. The Assessment Objectives are given in the table below.

AO1 25%	Listening – understand and respond to different types of spoken language
AO2 25%	Speaking – communicate and interact effectively in speech
AO3 25%	Reading – understand and respond to different types of written language
AO4 25%	Writing – communicate in writing

Relationship of Assessment Objectives to components

The assessment of each of the Assessment Objectives is contained exclusively in the four examination papers.

¹ *Modern foreign languages GCSE subject content* (DfE, 2014) www.gov.uk/government/publications
Reference: DFE-00348-2014

The four components of the qualification are:
 Paper 1 Listening and Understanding in German
 Paper 2 Speaking in German
 Paper 3 Reading and Understanding in German
 Paper 4 Writing in German

These four papers are compulsory, must be sat in one terminal session, and make up the GCSE qualification.

Use of German in questions²

In listening (AO1) 20-30% of the marks must be awarded for responses to questions set in the assessed language.

In speaking (AO2) students will be required to express themselves solely in the assessed language.

In reading (AO3) 30-40% of the marks must be awarded for responses to questions set in the assessed language.

In writing (AO4) students will be required to express themselves solely in the assessed language. Questions may be asked in English where translation into the assessed language is required or where the context of the questions is detailed or complex.

The table below provides a comparison with the relationship of Assessment Objectives to examined components in GCSE German 2012*.

		2GN01 (2012)	1GN0 (2016)
		weighting	weighting
AO1	Listening	20%	25%
AO2	Speaking	30%	25%
AO3	Reading	20%	25%
AO4	Writing	30%	25%

*N.B The comparison is with GCSE full course; there will be no short course available in new GCSEs in Modern Languages for 2016.

2.2 Changes to Edexcel GCSE German

Specification overview

The Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in German consists of four externally-examined papers based on the following skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Students must complete their speaking assessment in April/May and all other assessments in May/June in any single year.

Each paper is available at Foundation or Higher tier. **Students must be entered for a single tier across all papers.**

² *Modern foreign languages GCSE subject content* (DfE, 2014) www.gov.uk/government/publications
 Reference: DFE-00348-2014

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The use of dictionaries is not permitted. For Paper 2 this includes during the preparation time.

Paper	%	Title	Length of assessment	Summary of assessment
Paper 1 50 marks	25%	Listening and understanding	F = 35 minutes including 5 minutes' reading time H = 45 minutes including 5 minutes' reading time	Multiple-response and short-answer open response questions. The majority of questions will be set in English with two questions set in German.
Paper 2 70 marks	25%	Speaking	F = 7-9 minutes (plus 12 minutes' preparation time) H = 10-12 minutes (plus 12 minutes' preparation time)	Students will be assessed through three tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a role play • questions based on a picture stimuli • a conversation.
Paper 3 50 marks	25%	Reading and understanding	F = 45 minutes H = 1 hour	Questions types will comprise both multiple-response and short-answer open response questions, and one translation question. There will be three questions set in German.
Paper 4 60 marks	25%	Writing	F = 1h 10 minutes H = 1h 20 minutes	3 open response tasks (includes 1 crossover task) and 1 translation. 2 open response questions (includes 1 crossover task) and 1 translation.

Full details of the assessment can be found in the German GCSE 9-1 specification:
<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/german-2016.html>

Changes to specification content

The assessment of GCSE German will be set in the context of the following compulsory themes:

- identity and culture
- local, national, international and global areas of interest
- current and future study and employment

Following consultation with teachers, language and assessment experts, these compulsory themes have been divided into five broad theme areas, giving the opportunity for teaching one theme per term. These five themes are further broken down into topics and sub-topics all of which should be studied in the context of both the students' home country and that of countries or communities where German is spoken. They are designed to offer a motivating, enriching and up-to-date context for the study of the German language. Teachers should be aware of the need to develop their students' awareness and understanding of the cultural life of German-speaking communities in their selection of teaching materials during the course of study and in preparation for the final assessment.

For listening and reading assessments, the majority of contexts are based on the culture and countries where German is spoken. Students may also refer to the culture of Germany/German-speaking countries or communities in the speaking and writing papers.

Our content principles

- A mix of familiar and new topics to support a wide range of interests
- Topics that encourage the teaching and learning of German-speaking culture
- Topics that show how language can be used in practice
- Topics that facilitate progression from KS3 and to A level
- Topics that meet requirements of the subject criteria

The themes and topics are listed below:

Theme 1: Identity and Culture

Topics:

- **Who am I?:** relationships; when I was younger; what my friends and family are like; what makes a good friend; interests; socialising with family and friends; role models
- **Daily life:** customs and everyday life; food and drink; shopping; social media and technology (uses of, advantages and disadvantages)
- **Cultural life:** celebrations and festivals; reading; music; sport; film and television

Theme 2: Local area, holiday and travel

Topics:

- **Holidays:** preferences; experiences and destinations
- **Travel and tourist transactions:** travel and accommodation; asking for help and dealing with problems; directions; eating out; shopping
- **Town, region and country:** weather; places to see; things to do

Theme 3: School

Topics:

- **What school is like:** school types; school day; subjects; rules and pressures; celebrating success
- **School activities:** school trips; events and exchanges

Theme 4: Future aspirations, study and work

Topics:

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- **Using languages beyond the classroom:** forming relationships; travel; employment
- **Ambitions:** further study; volunteering; training
- **Work:** jobs, careers and professions

Theme 5: International and global dimension

Topics:

- **Bringing the world together:** sports events; music events; campaigns and good causes
- **Environmental issues:** being 'green'; access to natural resources

The final assessments at the end of the course will draw on the full range of these themes and topics. Teachers are encouraged to refer to the Sample Assessment Materials to see this exemplified.

3. Planning

3.1 Planning and delivering a linear course

GCSEs in German are linear and 100% external assessment.

This specification has been designed so that the content is clear and that it is manageable for centres to deliver within the guided learning hours over a two- or three-year period. Structured across five themes, our flexible programme of study allows time for a focused revision period at the end of the course.

There is a range of possible ways of planning the delivery of the specification and centres will need to decide on a delivery model that suits their teaching methods, school timetables and students.

The time allocated to each of the elements of the specification reflects the weighting of that element –all skills have an equal weighting and are worth 25% each in the final assessment, so equal amounts of time should be spent on each skill when covering the 5 themes in the Edexcel specification. The five themes are: *Identity and culture; Local area, holiday and travel; School; Future aspirations, study and work; International and global dimension*. **All themes and topics must be studied in the context of both the students' home country and that of countries and communities where German is spoken.** There will be equal weighting between the themes in the assessment.

To prepare students adequately for this assessment, teachers should present and exploit a range of vocabulary relevant to each theme listed and build on the Key Stage 3 Programme of Study, where appropriate.

3.2 Suggested resources

Below is a list of free support for the Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in German (1GN0):

- Getting Started Guide for GCSE German
- Editable course planners
- Editable two-year and three-year GCSE Schemes of work
- Mapping guides comparing the 2012 and 2016 GCSE German specifications
- Mapping guides to map the 2016 GCSE German specification to the Pearson GCSE German textbook 2008
- Additional specimen papers (for listening, reading and writing)
- Student exemplars with examiner commentary
- Mocks marking training
- 'How to' guides including:
 - Answering questions in the target language
 - Approaches to translation
 - Classroom talk strategies
 - Guide to rubrics in German
 - Incorporating culture into the MFL classroom
 - Vocabulary learning strategies.
 - How to conduct the speaking assessment
- Translation activity and answer booklets
- Literary text activity and answer booklets
- Grammar Presentations

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- Teaching and learning videos on spontaneous speaking, approaches to grammar and translation, incorporating culture into the MFL classroom
- Video on how to conduct the speaking assessment
- Editable vocabulary spreadsheets
- Editable image bank for speaking and writing practice
- List of useful German websites
- Ideas for questions to ask in the speaking assessment
- Ideas for structures for students to use in the speaking and writing assessments
- Progression support
- Student guide
- Free Getting Ready to Teach training events on delivering the GCSE over two and three years, with integrated teaching and learning sessions covering translation, spontaneous speaking and literary texts
- Subject specialists.

All planning and support materials can be found via this webpage:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/German-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FTeaching-and-learning-materials>

We will also be offering paid-for Professional Development courses on *Delivering the new GCSE MFL specification (9-11)* to support first teaching and beyond, from September 2016. Details about these will be published on our website in due course.

We are committed to helping teachers deliver our Edexcel qualifications and students to achieve their full potential. To do this, we aim for our qualifications to be supported by a wide range of high-quality resources, produced by a range of publishers. However, it is not necessary to purchase endorsed resources to deliver our qualifications.

We aim for our qualifications to be supported by resources produced by a range of publishers. Endorsed resources from other publishers will be available at www.edexcel.com/resources.

Pearson's paid-for published resources will provide comprehensive support for the Pearson Edexcel GCSE German specification. You can request a free evaluation pack and find out more at

<http://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/Secondary/ModernLanguages/German/StimmtEdexcelGCSEGerman/try/try.aspx>

Pearson's new **Stimmt!** resources* for Edexcel GCSE German 2016 will:

- provide strong continuation from popular KS3 courses
- drive engagement through culture-focused content
- support you to prepare students for GCSE (9-1) assessments.

Resources* include:

- **Student Books** (Higher or Foundation)
- **Teacher's Guides** (Higher or Foundation)
- **Grammar and Translation Workbook**
- **Vocabulary Workbook**
- **ActiveLearn Digital Service**
- **ActiveBooks** (Higher or Foundation)

3.3 Delivery models

An editable course planner and example schemes of work covering a two- and three- year Key Stage 4 are available on Pearson Edexcel's GCSE 2016 German webpage. These documents have been designed to support planning for both a two-year and three-year course and are based on the following principles:

- Three 12-week terms per academic year.
- A focused revision period at the end of the course –the summer term of the final year of study would be used for revision and final examination preparation for linear assessment and 100% final examinations.
- The number of hours allocated to GCSE German each week will depend on the individual centre's timetable, but here an average of 2 hours a week has been assumed as this fits with research carried out with schools, and fits 120 guided learning hours.

These delivery models are suggestions only and there are a number of valid ways of structuring courses. The schemes of work show one of a number of possible orders of topics and approaches to grammar coverage; these should be adapted by centres to work for their individual timetables.

4. Content guidance

Teachers should refer to the 'how to' guides available on our website for support with how to approach the content.

These guides feature pedagogical rationale, strategies and practical activity suggestions to help with:

- answering questions in the target language
- approaches to translation
- classroom talk strategies
- guide to rubrics in German
- incorporating culture into the MFL classroom
- vocabulary learning strategies.

Ideas on how to approach the themes and for activities within these themes are provided below. Note that these are suggestions only and are not prescriptive.

Theme 1: Identity and Culture

Topics:

- **Who am I?:** relationships; when I was younger; what my friends and family are like; what makes a good friend; interests; socialising with family and friends; role models
- **Daily life:** customs and everyday life; food and drink; shopping; social media and technology (uses of, advantages and disadvantages)
- **Cultural life:** celebrations and festivals; reading; music; sport; film and television

When approaching this theme, students should be able to draw on language learnt during Key Stage 3. To enable them to develop the language met previously, the teacher could approach this theme through literature or music in German. Research can be conducted into traditional celebrations in the German-speaking world.

Activity ideas:

- Using literary texts to look at the life of someone to practise the simple past tense.
- Using poetry to expand ideas about friendship and develop vocabulary.
- Venn diagrams on adjectives to develop positive and negative relationship adjectives.
- Agony Aunt letters dealing with family relationships – these can be used as reading practice and then developed into students writing their own examples.
- Practising role play situations with the scenario of arranging to go out.
- Comparing a UK shopping centre with a German one.
- Debating the advantages and disadvantages of social media to encourage spontaneous speaking.
- Students allocated a traditional custom or festival to research in groups, presenting their findings to the class.
- Discussion about preferred TV programmes or music through a diamond nine activity to encourage spontaneous talk.
- Photographs of traditional festivals can be used to practise the picture-based oral task.

Theme 2: Local area, holiday and travel

Topics:

- **Holidays:** preferences; experiences and destinations
- **Travel and tourist transactions:** travel and accommodation; asking for help and dealing with problems; directions; eating out; shopping
- **Town, region and country:** weather; places to see; things to do

As well as students describing their own past holidays or future holidays they plan, teachers could approach this theme as a group task where students have to research the type of holiday they would like to do. This could be confined to a German-speaking country which would then allow them to report back on travel costs, accommodation available, activities on offer in the chosen resort and the type of weather to be expected. Another approach regarding accommodation and eating out could be to use authentic resources from websites such as Trip Advisor to read about hotels and restaurants. These can be used as reading comprehensions to extract vocabulary and phrases, and finally students could write their own reports on a restaurant or hotel. Complaint letters to a hotel also allow students to use a great deal of imagination as to what has gone wrong on a holiday with their accommodation. Students could also collect literature about their own area and from that produce a website or brochure for German-speaking tourists to encourage them to visit. This topic is a key area for role-play work.

Activity ideas:

- Research a German-speaking holiday destination and plan travel, accommodation and activities for a visit.
- Read reports on Trip Advisor, etc. and students write their own report.
- Write a complaint letter to a hotel or restaurant.
- Using authentic hotel website information to work out the best accommodation for different groups of people, e.g. a family with three children, a couple looking for a romantic holiday, a single traveller, etc.
- Set up role-play scenarios around the classroom for group/pair work activities.
- Spontaneous discussion about preferred types of holiday/accommodation.
- Advantages/disadvantages chart for holidaying abroad or in their own country.
- Survey about holiday requirements/preferences.
- Watch videos from German-speaking areas or cities to extend vocabulary and listening skills. Students could then produce their own voiceover commentary to photos of a German-speaking area/city or their own area.
- Watching/reading weather forecasts online.
- Photographs of holiday destinations can be used to practise the picture-based oral task.

Theme 3: School

Topics:

- **What school is like:** school types; school day; subjects; rules and pressures; celebrating success
- **School activities:** school trips; events and exchanges

Again students will have met many of the basic ideas from this topic in Key Stage 3 and should be happy to converse about the different school subjects and their likes and dislikes. When approaching this topic, teachers could use partner schools to enable students to compare and contrast the school experience in each country. Many German-speaking schools do have websites on the internet and this could provide an excellent resource for authentic material. There are a number of

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Schulmuseen in Germany with websites and again these could provide an interesting introduction to the theme. Some particular features of schools in Germany such as schools finishing at lunchtime (although many schools are also now *Ganztagsschulen*) and the fact that German schools do not wear uniform could also be opportunities for discussion.

Activity ideas:

- Authentic resources in the form of blogs or letters discussing aspects of the school system in Germany could be used as reading comprehension and stimuli for discussion purposes.
- Research on school websites can produce timetables to compare the school day.
- Setting up links with German-speaking schools for students to pose questions to their peers and report back on their answers, e.g. their opinion of the longer school day, sport at school, etc.
- *Deutsche Welle – Deutschlandlabor* has a number of useful videos which can be used for listening practice such as the one on *Die Schule*. This could be used just to give students a better idea of school in Germany or with questions to develop listening comprehension skills.
- Students could draw up their own list of rules, either real or funny – this could be done as a discussion task to promote spontaneous talk.
- A list of pros and cons of school uniform could be drawn up and used in discussion.
- Some German schools do have a uniform and designing a uniform for a German school offers good practice of using adjective endings correctly.
- There are a number of blogs on school exchanges on the internet which can be accessed to provide authentic resources for reading comprehension.

Theme 4: Future aspirations, study and work

Topics:

- **Using languages beyond the classroom:** forming relationships; travel; employment
- **Ambitions:** further study; volunteering; training
- **Work: jobs, careers and professions**

Most of this theme will be new topics not studied at Key Stage 3. Teachers may want to approach the topic through students' own aspirations but could also look at relevant webpages to find resources describing others' experiences, which will provide models for students to use in their own work. There are a number of useful websites about training, which teachers may find of use to source work for reading purposes as well as suitable photographs, and to extend students' vocabulary and comprehension skills.

There are also websites where students can read about the experiences of young Germans undertaking volunteering.

Activity ideas:

A gap year, often termed *Auslandsjahr* in German, is another feature which could be explored in this topic, and again there is useful material online.

- Reading comprehension based on authentic material from websites such as those above.
- Brainstorming positive and negative aspects of travelling during a gap year, going to university or undertaking work experience.
- Using a video about students undertaking work experience as listening comprehension.

- Writing an imaginative blog/report about volunteering.
- Using this topic as an opportunity to introduce and practise the conditional tense forms so that students can say what they would like to do.
- Reading task to match descriptions of jobs to the job titles.
- Jigsaw task to reorder a text about a day in a particular job.
- Using an online platform to ask German-speaking students about their career/future aspirations and reporting back.
- Undertaking a role play based on an interview for a work placement.
- Spontaneous discussion on what students should do after finishing school – could be done as a diamond nine activity.

Theme 5: International and global dimension

Topics:

- **Bringing the world together:** sports events; music events; campaigns and good causes
- **Environmental issues:** being 'green'; access to natural resources

This is a new theme at GCSE, which may not have been met in Key Stage 3. Teachers may again wish to access material on the internet to support their teaching of this theme. Posters and adverts for sports and music events could be useful resources, as could blogs and newspaper reports about such events. School websites also contain reports on school sports events. A lot of the international aid agencies have sites in German, which can contain useful authentic material. There is a large amount of information and numerous publications about being 'green' available from the German government website as well as from other organisations. Websites such as BUND (www.bund.net), Nabu (www.nabu.de) and Robinwood (www.robinwood.de) could all be of use. There are a number of poems about the climate online.

Activity ideas:

- Role play buying tickets for sporting or music events.
- Group activity discussing the cost of attending music events.
- Writing a report on a sporting event.
- Watching a sporting event in the target language as a listening comprehension.
- Writing a voiceover to a sporting event video extract.
- Using the trailer from the film *Berlin 36* as a listening comprehension.
- Giving students a scenario that they have a certain amount of money to donate to a worthy cause. They each research a suitable charity for that money and engage in a group debate about which charity should benefit.
- Using photographs of sporting events to engage in discussion.
- Reading comprehension using publications from German-speaking material about the environment.
- Writing about how environmentally friendly (or unfriendly) their home town is.
- Using links with a German-speaking partner school to compare their town and the German town with regard to the protection of the environment.
- Using literary texts as reading to expand vocabulary and writing their own poems such as acrostic poems using any of the *Umwelt* words, such as *Umweltzerstörung*.

5. Assessment guidance

5.1 Implications of linear assessment

This GCSE German course is designed to be followed in a linear fashion. The four components must be sat as terminal examinations at the end of the course. Examinations will take place only in a summer session at the end of the course of study (most often a two-year course) and there will be no opportunity for re-sitting individual components. A candidate would be eligible to re-sit the whole qualification (four components) at a future examination session.

5.2 Paper 1

Paper 1: Listening and understanding in German (Paper code: 1GN0/1F and 1H)
<i>Written examination</i> <i>Foundation tier: 35 minutes including 5 minutes' reading time; 50 marks</i> <i>Higher tier: 45 minutes including 5 minutes' reading time; 50 marks</i> <i>25% of the total qualification</i>
Content overview This paper draws on vocabulary and structures across all the themes and topics (see page 9).
Assessment overview Students are assessed on their understanding of standard spoken German by one or more speakers in a range of public and social settings. Students will respond to multiple-response and short-answer open response questions based on a recording featuring male and female German speakers. Students must answer all questions in both sections. There is no requirement for students to produce written responses in German. <i>Foundation tier</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A is set in English. The instructions to students are in English.• Section B is set in German. The instructions to students are in German. <i>Higher tier</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A is set in German. The instructions to students are in German.• Section B is set in English. The instructions to students are in English.

5.3 Paper 2

<p>Paper 2: Speaking in German (Paper code: 1GN0/2F and 2H)</p> <p><i>Internally conducted and externally assessed</i></p> <p>Foundation tier: 7–9 minutes plus 12 minutes' preparation time; 70 marks</p> <p>Higher tier: 10–12 minutes plus 12 minutes' preparation time; 70 marks</p> <p>25% of the total qualification</p>
<p>Content overview</p> <p>This paper draws on vocabulary and structures across all the themes and topics (see page 9).</p>
<p>Assessment overview</p> <p>Students are assessed on their ability to communicate and interact effectively through speaking in German for different purposes and in different settings. There are three tasks which must be conducted in the following order:</p> <p>Task 1 – a role play based on one topic that is allocated by Pearson.</p> <p>Task 2 – questions based on a picture stimulus based on one topic that is allocated by Pearson.</p> <p>Task 3 – conversation based on two themes. The first theme is based on the topic chosen by the student in advance of the assessment. The second theme is allocated by Pearson.</p> <p>The assessments are conducted by teachers in one session within a prescribed assessment window and the recordings then submitted to Pearson for external marking.</p>

5.4 Paper 3

<p>Paper 3: Reading and understanding in German (Paper code: 1GN0/3F and 3H)</p> <p><i>Written examination</i></p> <p>Foundation tier: 45 minutes; 50 marks</p> <p>Higher tier: 1 hour; 50 marks</p> <p>25% of the total qualification</p>
<p>Content overview</p> <p>This paper draws on vocabulary and structures across all the themes and topics (see page 9).</p>
<p>Assessment overview</p> <p>Students are assessed on their understanding of written German across a range of different types of texts, including advertisements, emails, letters, articles and literary texts. Students are required to respond to multiple-response and short-answer questions based on these texts.</p> <p>Students must answer all questions in each of the three sections:</p> <p>Section A is set in English. The instructions to students are in English.</p> <p>Section B is set in German. The instructions to students are in German.</p> <p>Section C includes a translation passage from German into English with instructions in English.</p>

5.5 Paper 4

Paper 4: Writing in German (Paper code: 1GN0/4F and 4H)
Written examination Foundation tier: 1 hour 10 minutes; 60 marks. Higher tier: 1 hour 20 minutes; 60 marks 25% of the total qualification
Content overview This paper draws on vocabulary and structures across all the themes and topics (see page 9).
Assessment overview Students are assessed on their ability to communicate effectively through writing in German for different purposes and audiences. Students are required to produce responses of varying lengths and types to express ideas and opinions in German. The instructions to students are in German. Word counts are suggested for each question. Students must answer all questions. Foundation tier – three open-response questions and one translation into German. Higher tier – two open-response questions and one translation into German.

5.6 Non-examination assessment

Overview

There is no longer any centre-designed component in the assessment of GCSE German. The speaking test is, however, internally conducted by teachers in their centres. The assessment materials will be provided by Edexcel in advance of the examination period and it is required that they remain secure throughout the examination period. Further information about access to the materials at the time of testing and conduct of this component will be provided in due course.

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