

GCSE from 2009 Japanese



How does your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Japanese differ to that taken through the old specification?

Modular -	greater flexibility in sitting exams when your students are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage
Resits -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Terminal requirement -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Japanese full course (2JA01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session. For the short course (3JA0S) only one unit must be taken when certification is requested.
Calculating results -	candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation at the end of the course, ensuring their best performance is awarded, however the scores for the units being used to satisfy the terminal rule will be used even if they are lower than those held in the bank
The GCSE standard -	all units are assessed at the GCSE standard in whichever exam series they are offered.

Below are examples of how your candidates' experience of the new specification will differ to that of the old

Please note: this example is not a recommendation of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of one of the ways that the qualification may be approached.

Old GCSE Japanese (1752)

		weightings %	Mode	Max Sbj Mark	
	Paper 1: Listening and Responding	25	Exam	100	Overall grade
	Paper 2: Speaking	25	Exam		
	Paper 3: Reading and responding	25	Exam		
	Paper 4: Writing	25	Exam		

New GCSE 2009: Japanese (2JA01) Example 1

Unit Availability					
5JA01; 5JA02; 5JA03; 5JA04		5JA01; 5JA02; 5JA03; 5JA04			
		weightings %	Mode	Max UMS mark	
	Unit 1: Listening and understanding	23	Exam	70	Overall grade
	Unit 2: Speaking	27	Exam	80	
	Unit 3: Reading and understanding	23	Exam	70	
	Unit 4: Writing	27	Exam	80	

New GCSE 2009: Japanese (3JA0S / 2JA01) Example 2

Unit Availability					
5JA01; 5JA02; 5JA03; 5JA04		5JA01; 5JA02; 5JA03; 5JA04			
		Weightings % Short/Full Course	Mode	Max UMS mark	
	Unit 1: Listening and understanding	46/23	Exam	70	Overall grade
	Unit 2: Speaking	54/27	Exam	80	
	Unit 3: Reading and understanding	23	Exam	70	
	Unit 4: Writing	27	Exam	80	

This candidate has cashed in the short course 3JA0S after year 1. They have then gone on to complete Units 3 & 4 in Year 2 and cash in the full course.

New GCSE 2009: Japanese (2JA01) Example 3

Unit Availability					
5JA01; 5JA02; 5JA03; 5JA04		5JA01; 5JA02; 5JA03; 5JA04			
		Weightings %	Mode	Max UMS mark	
	Unit 1: Listening and understanding	23	Exam	70	Overall grade
	Unit 2: Speaking	27	Exam	80	
	Unit 3: Reading and understanding	23	Exam	70	
	Unit 4: Writing	27	Exam	80	

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