

Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 International GCSE (9-1) in English Language A (4EA1) May/June 2021 assessment arrangements

Ofqual announced on 3 August 2020 changes to the 2021 May/June examination series for UK Qualifications. The changes are an interim measure to address any impact COVID-19 has had/will have on students taking their examination in 2021.

Although the changes announced do not have an impact on this qualification, we have decided to make the changes listed below to ensure that the International Qualifications remain comparable to their UK counterparts. The information below details what changes have been made to our specification for students taking their final examinations in May/June 2021.

The changes outlined in this document are correct as of 28/08/2020.

Summary of the current assessment/content arrangements

Optional spoken language endorsement 4EA1/E

- This is an optional component.
- It is internally assessed under controlled conditions, and externally monitored by Pearson.
- Students can undertake a prepared spoken presentation on a specific topic in a formal setting given to the teacher who can represent 'the audience', listen and respond to questions and feedback, and use spoken English effectively.
- Students must give their presentations to an audience, which must always include the teacher.
- There are no marks for the Spoken Language endorsement. Students are awarded a grade (Pass, Merit or Distinction).

Summary of the May/June 2021 assessment/content arrangements

- This is an optional component.
- The presentation on a specific topic in a formal setting may be given in front of a single teacher, who can represent 'the audience'.
- It can be conducted by the teacher at any time during the course and be done by virtual means.

Changes to the specification ([Issue 3](#))

Page reference(s)	Specification states:	Changes made for May/June 2021 assessments only
25	<p>Audience:</p> <p>Students must give their presentations to an audience, which must always include the teacher.</p> <p>The size and composition of the audience should be determined by the teacher, in discussion with the student. However, where the audience is the teacher only, the presentation and dialogue should be designed in such a way that it could have a potentially wider audience than just one person (e.g. it replicates a television interview).</p>	<p>The presentation may be given in front of a single teacher, who can represent 'the audience'.</p> <p>It may be conducted by the teacher at any time during the course and be by virtual means.</p>
26	<p>External monitoring</p> <p>Each centre is required to provide audio-visual recordings of the presentations of a sample of students, that is representative of the various teaching groups. There is no requirement to record the presentations of all students.</p>	<p>You will not be required to submit an audio-visual recording.</p> <p>You should submit your students Optional Spoken Language Endorsement grades in the normal way, via Edexcel Online.</p>
27	Recording of the presentation information.	We do not require a sample of recordings to be sent to us for monitoring.
28	Submission of work to monitors and Submission requirements information.	This information is not relevant for 2021 as a sample is not being monitored by Pearson.
42	Appendix 3: Spoken Language Endorsement: Assessment record sheet	The assessment record sheets may be signed digitally and should be retained by the centre.