IGCSE ARABIC FIRST LANGUAGE

Examination Board and Specification Code:

Edexcel 4AR0


The Edexcel IGCSE First Language Arabic syllabus is designed for students whose first language is Arabic. This First Language syllabus develops learners' ability to communicate clearly, accurately and effectively. This qualification enables students to:

- Develop their ability to read, understand and respond to material from a variety of sources
- Develop their ability to communicate accurately in writing, matching style to audience and purpose
- Develop their understanding of the structure and variety of language
- Further their personal development, and an understanding of themselves and the world around them
- Appreciate the richness, beauty and diversity of the Arabic language.

Learners are also encouraged to read widely, both for their own enjoyment and in order to develop an appreciation of how writers achieve their effects. The syllabus also complements other areas of study by encouraging skills of more general application.

Exam Assessment

IGCSE is available to first language speakers of Arabic: The examination board is Edexcel and consists of 2 papers. The aim of these papers is to assess comprehension, summaries and writing. This optional Arabic (IGCSE) is advisable for Arab students in Y10 and Y11. Students use the book: ‘Arabic language’ from the Ministry of Education (compulsory for all Arab students).

Exams

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<td>Paper 1 Reading &amp; Writing</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>Written exam 2 hours and 15 minutes</td>
<td>The examination paper has three sections, A, B and C. Section 1 (Reading): short-answer comprehension questions based on a reading passage. Section 2 (Writing): students are presented with a short text and required to summarise it. Students are required to produce a piece of directed writing. Section 3 (Grammatical usage): grammatical usage tested in a series of exercises.</td>
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<td>Paper 2 Writing</td>
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<td>Written exam 1 hour 30 minutes</td>
<td>Students produce two pieces of continuous writing</td>
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