

# New GCEs for 2008



## GCE French (2650)

### AS outline

The AS course will cover:

- **Media:** TV, advertising and communication technology
- **Popular culture:** cinema, music and fashion/trends
- **Healthy living/lifestyle:** sport/exercise, health and well-being and holidays
- **Family/relationships:** relationships within the family, friendships and marriage/partnerships.

*The AS specification has 2 units:*

### Unit 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

#### Assessment

##### Externally Examined

**Written Paper:**  
**Weighting:**

**2 hours**  
**70% of total AS/ 35% of total A Level marks**

Listening, Reading and Writing.

Candidates will answer a range of questions based on approximately 5 minutes of heard material and on a selection of written stimulus texts. They will also respond in writing to a question based on one of the AS topics.

The stimulus material for the Listening sections of specimen Unit 1 is available as a written transcript and as an electronic sound file. The material is not available on cassette tape or on CD. These arrangements apply to the specimen material only. Centres will be informed in due course of the arrangements for the examinations for the new specifications in January 2009 and beyond.

### Unit 2: Speaking Test

#### Assessment

**Speaking Test**  
**Written Paper:**  
**Weighting:**

**35 minutes (including 20 minutes preparation time)**  
**30% of total AS/ 15% of total A Level marks**

Speaking.

Candidates will discuss a target-language stimulus card based on one of the AS topics and take part in a conversation covering three further AS topics.



### A2 outline

The A2 course will cover:

- Environment: pollution, energy and protecting the planet
- The multi-cultural society: immigration, integration and racism
- Contemporary social issues: wealth and poverty, law and order and the impact of scientific and technological progress
- Cultural topic: the study of a target language speaking region/community or the study of a period of 20th century history from a target language-speaking country/community or the study of a novelist/dramatist/poet from a target language-speaking country/community or the study of a director/architect/musician/painter from a target language-speaking country/ community.

*The A2 specification has 2 units:*

### **Unit 3: Listening, Reading and Writing**

#### **Assessment**

##### **Externally Examined**

**Written Paper:  
Weighting:**

**2 hours 30 minutes  
35% of total A Level marks**

Listening, Reading and Writing.

Candidates will answer a range of questions based on approximately 6 minutes of heard material and on a selection of written texts. They will also respond in writing to a question based on one of the four A2 cultural topic areas.

The stimulus material for the Listening sections of specimen Unit 3 is available as a written transcript and as an electronic sound file. The material is not available on cassette tape or on CD. These arrangements apply to the specimen material only. Centres will be informed in due course of the arrangements for the examinations for the new specifications in January 2009 and beyond.

### **Unit 4: Speaking Test**

#### **Assessment**

**Speaking Test  
Written Paper:  
Weighting:**

**35 minutes (including 20 minutes preparation time)  
15% of total A Level marks**

Speaking.

Candidates will present a point of view based on a target-language stimulus card from one of the A2 topic areas and take part in a conversation covering three further A2 topics.