

MOCK EXAM INFORMATION FOR PUPILS MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



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Which paper will I sit for the mock ?

Listening (AO1), Reading (AO3), Writing (AO4)

How long is the exam?

Listening: Foundation: 35 mins, Higher: 45 mins

Reading: Foundation: 45 mins, Higher: 1 hour

Writing: Foundation: 1 hour 10 mins, Higher: 1 hour 20 mins

What do I need to revise?

For all skills, content will be on: German: Modules 1-6, French: Modules 1-6, Spanish Higher: Modules 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Foundation: Modules 1-6

Where can I find this information?

Vocabulary sheets for each module in grammar books. All grammar covered since the beginning of the GCSE course 9, particularly tenses. Work in class book since the beginning of the GCSE course. Questions and bank of practice answers to modules saved on Google Drive

What are top revision tips for this paper?

Listening: Multiple choice questions and questions to answer in English.

1. Use the 5 mins reading time before the first question wisely: read the questions carefully, underline any key points, identify pictures, translate words into English, write down words you predict you will hear.
2. Each question has a title and a setting - read them to give you clues.
3. Look at the number of marks for each question and ensure you have the matching number of answers.
4. Listen carefully to examples.
5. Revise negatives, time phrases, tenses.
6. Use the time between the questions to continue to check your answers and read ahead.
7. Narrow down your options, then make a calculated guess if necessary. **DO NOT LEAVE BLANKS!**
8. Ensure that the answer matches the format requested e.g. if it asks for a letter don't write a number!
9. Use your knowledge of social/cultural context: -think about what you know about target language speaking countries and society in general to predict answers.
10. Use your common sense: cognates, near cognates and context - but watch out for false friends!
11. Ensure you learn key vocabulary for each module that the exam could be on.

Reading: Multiple choice questions and questions to answer in English. You will also have a translation from target language into English.

1. Read the questions carefully and underline any key points to ensure you answer it correctly.
2. Each question has a title and a setting - read them to give you clues.

3. Look at the number of points for each answer and ensure you have an answer for each point. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS!**
4. Read the text through first to get the gist and to help you know where to look for the answers (these are not always in order)
5. Be careful to look out for negatives, time phrases, tenses and distractors.
6. Narrow down your options as far as you can and then make a calculated guess if necessary.
7. Ensure that the answer matches the format/language requested.
8. If you have time left at the end, proofread, check your answers and go back to any questions you found difficult.

Writing: Foundation: 3 pieces of independent writing and 1 translation into the target language.

1. Each question has a title and a setting - read it carefully to know what to write about.
2. All titles, instructions and bullet points are written in the target language. You must cover all bullet points for each question.
3. You should have enough time to prepare a draft and final version of each question. Use the formula: Plan, Produce, Proofread.

Question 1 - Picture-based Task (20-30 words) in target language. Description + Opinion.

Question 2 - Formal Writing task (40-50 words). Answer EITHER question 2a) or 2b). Use formal register and use 2 basic tenses, one of which is the present tense.

Question 3 - Informal Writing Task (80-90 words). Answer EITHER question 3a) or 3b). This question will include past, present, future.

Question 4: Sentences to translate into target language. Accuracy + Tenses

Higher Tier: 2 pieces of independent writing and 1 translation into the target language.

1. 1) Each question has a title and a setting - read it carefully to know what to write about.
2. 2) All titles, instructions and bullet points are written in the target language. You must cover all bullet points for each question.
3. 3) You should have enough time to prepare a draft and final version of each question. Use the formula: Plan, Produce, Proofread.

Question 1 - Informal Writing Task (80-90 words). Answer EITHER question 1a) or 1b). This question will include past, present, future.

Question 2 - Formal Writing Task (130-150 words). Answer EITHER question 2a) or 2b). This question will include past, present, future and will require you to use the formal register.

Question 3 - Paragraph to translate into target language. Accuracy + tenses.

REVISION QUESTIONS

[French Revision Grammar Checklist](#)

[French Revision Grammar Checklist Answers](#)

[Spanish Revision Grammar Checklist](#)

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[German Revision Grammar Checklist](#)

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Further Information:

PLEASE NOTE:

Speaking exams will be held 5th - 7th January 2022 and information will be provided by teachers separately.

